

through travel, new associations at summer resorts, etc.

III. Fruits specially appropriate to summer. Gratitude for rest in Christ, Christian sympathy with strangers, blending harmonies, sunshine and fervors of the heart with those of nature in her summer mood. Charity to poor and sick of the crowded cities that they may have something of the summer's blessing. Watchfulness and prayer lest we enter into summer's temptations.

J. S. K.

Sermon to Young People.

The Counsels of a Dying Father.

And thou Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy Father, etc.—1 Chron. xxviii: 9.

PARENTS and children mutually responsible for the life the latter live, and whether or not the children lay hold on eternal life.

I. A dying legacy. Such counsel better than gold. Thy father's God.

(a) Be careful not to grieve or displease him. (b) Do all you can to obey and honor him. Serve him

with the whole heart; serve him spontaneously and willingly.

II. A warning. If thou forsake him, etc.: may do that by forsaking Bible, neglecting prayer, refusing him the heart and life. J. S. K.

Installation Sermon.

The Preacher's Question and the People's Answer.

What shall I say unto them?—

Exod. iii: 18.

Speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it and do it.—Deut. v: 27

I. The Pastor's Question. He is an ambassador and a teacher. He must consult his instructions. He is to "preach the word," in its essence, proportion and harmony; to declare the whole counsel of God; to furnish the mind, heart, conscience and life their appropriate food and guidance.

II. The People's Answer. They desire what God has to speak through him, and they promise to hear; to take heed *how* they hear, i. e., cheerfully, earnestly, candidly, meekly, prayerfully, obediently. J. S. K.

LIVING ISSUES FOR PULPIT TREATMENT.

The Call For More Ministers.

If a man desire the office of a bishop he desireth a good work.—1 Tim. iii: 1.

THE recent meetings of the various church organizations all over the country have emphasized anew a topic that is constantly impressed with greater force upon all who are heartily interested in the spiritual welfare and growth of the church. Statistics are multiplied, until it seems as if the great work of preaching the gospel had fallen into disrepute. Reasons are searched after and found by the score to account for the fact, that in proportion to the need, fewer and fewer men are found willing to take up the labors and responsibilities of a minister's life. These reasons all have force. It is undoubtedly true that the pul-

pit seems to many young men in college a position of mere drudgery for the great majority. Very advantageous for a few, but very hard for the many. It is also undoubtedly true that the prospects of being placed in a theological straight-jacket is intensely repugnant to many of the brightest minds among our educated young men. Trained in college to impartial investigation, honest in their seeking after truth, and willing to accept it, whatever it may be, they dread the often severe character of our examination for license or ordination. And so on through the whole long list of reasons, that with varying power act upon those to whom the already overworked ranks of earnest, consecrated ministers look anxiously for