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The Lord of the harvest looked out upon the fields of the West and they were white for the harvest, and he commanded his servants to go abroad and call for more laborers to help in the in-gathering. And his servants went to the far East, saying, we shall have 200 or 300 preaching stations vacant this winter, and the good seed sown shall be scattered and lost. And the servants cried to the trained laborers, "Come and help us; you will shortly have more young men than the church needs; distribute them over the fields in summer and winter; and supply a summer session to those who give themselves up as timely reapers. Remember the field is white for the harvest."

And the trained laborers at once began to make excuse.

DR. A. said: "It will make the young men less polished if they go to the harvest fields now; it will break up their useful winter societies; it will make them less able to decline "cultus," or give the parts of "απιστευσι"; it will in short greatly inconvenience us." I pray you have me and my students excused.

PASTOR M.: "I have long thought of getting very crude laborers and giving them a little brushing up and sending them forth; but it will take a couple of years to get them ready; and nothing can be done for this harvest season at least. No doubt something will occur." I pray you have me excused from doing anything.

DR. Z. spoke: "I had thought of sending out to you those 'over the dead line of 50'; they couldn't gather in many sheaves a day, and perhaps the harvest would be over before they reached the field; but between them and a number of outside men—some of them halt or maimed, we might help you." But I hope you'll excuse me, I'm very busy.

And the servants went back discouraged.

Then the Lord of the harvest said: "I'll bring in other laborers, who don't know Greek and Latin, and whose manners are not very good, and who shout a good deal at their work; but they are earnest laborers and the harvest will be gathered in."