

science and a smiling God will be an ample recompence." Amid all however patience, piety, faithfulness and energy, will support you. Awake the energies of your nature, and let a thoughtful mind direct and appropriate them. And those energies combined with holy enthusiasm and faith in God will bear you onward in your work.

*7th. Pray for God's blessing upon your labours.*

To seek help from God in prayer is of great importance to the minister. You know that ministerial success is to be found in God's blessing, and therefore it is the minister's duty and privilege to direct his earnest supplications to the great master saying,—“Prosper thou the work of our hands the work of our hands prosper thou it.” If you bear in mind that Paul may plant and Apollos may water but it is God who giveth the increase, and that our best schemes and endeavours are vain without his blessing, you will perceive the necessity of forming a rule of conduct upon the apostolic admonition, “continue instant in prayer.”

Did the Christian Ministry link itself more closely to God in regard to its great duties, acknowledging a simple and believing dependence upon him, we doubt not but there would follow more abundant prosperity. While you tax the intellect and heart, and your physical strength also in preparation for the discharge of duty recognize the declaration,—“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord.” To pray for the bestowment of spiritual gifts is necessary that you may advance to christian maturity, and experience the full power of the truths you preach to others. Pray for strengthening and sustaining grace under your onerous duties. Lift your eyes to him from whom cometh your help. Pray for success that you may not labour in vain nor spend your strength for nought; for what is the minister in the exercise of his function, without the help of God? Without that help is it likely that he will thoroughly withstand the power of