

1st. In praying to God for a blessing upon them and their families, and upon their ministry.

2nd. In honouring them before their people, and before the world.

3rd. In encouraging, protecting, and defending them.

4th. In aiding them in their ministerial walk, by taking part in visiting the sick and afflicted, and in affording to them the means of relieving such in their distress.

5th. In furnishing them with Bibles, Testaments, tracts and books, and other necessary articles for the instruction of their people.

6th. In making them their almoners in *special* cases.

7th. In procuring for them the assistance of fellow-ministers, under occasional circumstances of peculiar necessity.

8th. In enabling them to visit distant or out-lying places, by affording to them the use of a horse, or carriage of some kind.

9th. In providing, erecting, adding to, furnishing, or repairing, houses of residence for them, under circumstances of necessity.

10th. In providing for them small portions of land, *not farms*, but garden-farms, as auxiliary to household-economy.

11th. In aiding them in the cultivation of their garden-farms.

12th. In providing libraries, books of divinity, and of ministerial usefulness, to be handed down as parochial or district heir-looms.

13th. In opening private libraries for their use.

14th. In aiding them under circumstances of legitimate distress.

15th. In aiding them under circumstances of sickness, whether of themselves or families.

16th. In aiding them when infirm or past their labour.

17th. In aiding them in the education of their families.

18th. In advancing the interests of their families in life.

19th. In caring for and helping their widows or orphan-families.

20th. In aiding them by presents from the field and the garden.

21st. In encouraging superior literary talent in their families, which may be exercised to the increase of income.

22nd. In aiding them in their endeavours to diffuse the knowledge of the Gospel of our blessed Lord and Saviour at home and abroad—a noble work for those redeemed by His blood, Rev. v. 9.

23rd. In transacting all in Christian love, with the utmost delicacy, and in strictest confidence, lest they or their ministry be reproached.

Here are some hints thrown out upon this most important topic; it is for the noble, generous soul (where is it?) to invent other modes of aiding ministers and facilitating their ministry.

Let the laity invite the counsel and aid of ministers in all that relates to the highest interests of themselves and their families.

Shame and a curse may fall upon those who neglect or impede the high ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, and their holy warfare, and magnificent ministry-commission.

“Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him. Isaiah iii. 11.—*British Ensign*.”

ALL HAVE INFLUENCE.

Do not say you have no influence. All have some. A gentleman, lecturing in the neighbourhood of London, said:—“Everybody has influence, even that child,” pointing to a little girl in her father’s arms. “That’s true!” cried the man. At the close he said to the lecturer, “I beg your pardon, sir, but I could not help speaking. I was a drunkard; but, as I did not like to go to the public-house alone, I used to carry this child. As I approached the public-house one night, hearing a great noise inside, she said, ‘Don’t go father!’ ‘Hold your tongue, child.’ ‘Please father, don’t go!’ ‘Hold your tongue, I say.’ Presently I felt a big tear fall on my cheek. I could not go a step farther, sir. I turned round