

theological students come—where simple unaffected piety most abounds, and promises its best results to the church.

3. WHAT IS THE REMEDY?—The remedy for the above condition of things is to be applied by the pulpit, and by the home.

(1.) By the pulpit (*a*), in *evangelical and doctrinal preaching*. Preaching must not be one-sided; it must aim at the development of Christian character, as well as at the conversion of sinners. Its object should be to make strong Christians, having a decided relish for the meat of the Word, so as to be able to resist the encroachments of the world, the flesh and the devil. The faithful exposition of the truth is the only antidote for the malaria of worldliness, and will tell in the long run. Only thus can family religion be revived and intensified, and result in parents devoting their children to the Lord's service, as Hannah did her first-born. (*b*) *In keeping the need the church has of ministers before the people*. In this way Christian parents will be led to serious thought and prayer, to reflecting on their responsibility in this matter. Facts always have their weight with our people; hence it is the duty of ministers to keep the people informed of the church's wants. Indeed, Christians look for this. One cannot tell where or when youthful Samuels and Davids may arise to join the ranks of God's faithful workmen. (*c*) *In setting an example of holy living*. Ministers are more than teachers. They are set to be "ensamples to the flock." Like Paul, they should be able to say to their flock: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." They should be distinctly in advance of those whom they are appointed to lead, in the matter of holiness of life, of Christian zeal and love. What ministers *are*, carries far more weight than what they *say*. People look more to their life than to their fine sermons. A fearful responsibility rests upon ministers, therefore, in regard to the character of their lives, a proper apprehension of which will make them cry out: "Who is sufficient for these things?" It is not so much eloquence of language that is needed, as the eloquence of deep spirituality, on the part of God's ambassadors.

(2.) In the home (*a*), in *the consistent Christian life of parents, and faithful training of their children*. Here, in the home, is where character is formed, where young souls are fashioned, where tastes are created, and habits developed, which largely dominate the life. Sabbath-schools are good, and doing good but their influ-