

A MILD SUGGESTION.

WHAT an organization or institution be efficient, it is necessary that every member perform the duties connected with his office. Our College has received the moral and financial support of our people, and our ministers have labored long and arduously in establishing its sure foundation. The number of students is increasing and the question is suggested, What relation does the pastor sustain to the young men of his congregation when larger numbers are studying theology? Are the claims of the christian ministry presented for their consideration? The writer does not remember a single instance in which a preacher dealt with this theme in the pulpit, and he has no reason to suppose that his case is an exceptional one. It does not do to say that the subject is presented to them personally. Inquiry shews that very few have had any attention from their pastor, relative to their life work, until it was known that a decision had been made. If this be so with those who are preparing themselves for this work, what can be said about those who enter the professions? We do not hold that the claims of the christian ministry should be urged upon any man, but we do maintain that these claims should be laid before every young man for his consideration. Some may object and say that no man should interfere in this matter. Granted, but this is not interfering. It is due to the young man, to the pastor, and to the Head of the Church that these claims be understood. The Lord who commanded his disciples to evangelize the world has claims on every one. How can these claims be recognized if not first presented? A faithful use of means on man's part is the Divine assurance of greatest spiritual prosperity. The destitute fields in our own province, and the millions in the foreign field who have not yet received their portion of blessing in Christ's Kingdom, suggest the need of more laborers. When the claims of Christ are recognized by the Church as demanding a willing surrender of the individual, a better day has dawned, and our Colleges will give expression to the power consequent upon that surrender by sending forth more laborers into the vineyard.