

study, to labor and pray, to preach, to comfort the afflicted, to visit families, to administer ordinances, and all that souls might be saved and the church edified. To this must be added if the spirit of this passage is carried out, teach the saved to become saviours, the living to become dispensers of life, those drinking and satisfied with living water, to become dispensing cisterns. Let every man to his brother say "know the Lord." Let every Andrew find a brother and bring him to Jesus.

ALL CALLED TO A MINISTRY.

Teach men and women, youths, and even children, that *they are called to a Ministry* and by a Divine call, in virtue of which they should serve by early profession, by earnest prayer, and by hearty work. Their ministry is to assume and wear the yoke of Christ who pleased not himself, whose meat was to do his Father's will, and who was consumed with zeal for his Father's House. This service is a following Him who went about doing good. It is a yielding to the constraining power of Love to Him who died for us, and impels us to live for the high and generous ends for which He died and rose and lives. Alas, how far have we come short of this ideal! Just in so far as we have failed to urge on all whom we led to Jesus, to go out and bring others, telling them also, to spend their lives in this sublime employment. Just so far as we were lacking in the spirit which recently prompted a faithful Preacher, [Spurgeon,] to say with tears to 3000 hearers, "I charge you solemnly in God's name, not to let the sun go down till you have spoken to some one, man or woman, alone, about his or her soul."

And how shall we qualify? By drinking into the Spirit of Christ, by the influence of a new Baptism, by getting nearer to Jesus, the model workman. Yes, closer to Christ in personal experience, in daily communion, in personal reliance and by importunate prayer, and we shall reach the goal of more glowing love to Himself, and to souls redeemed by His blood, and all will culminate in honest, earnest work for them to His praise and glory.

VARIED MINISTRATIONS.

What service, what kinds and degree of service will a prepared people render to the cause of their Master? What may we reasonably expect?

1st. *A service of Prayer.*

The church blessed with the Pentecostal effusion, was a church living in an element of prayer. The church to which continual accessions were made, made *daily* of those being saved, was a church which continued steadfastly (in the Apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and) in *prayers*. It gave a constant service of prayer and was blessed in pushing on the triumphs of the cross. It is the law of His House that sacred importunity must besiege the throne of God, and then the blessing will be not only given, but valued, and the glory will return to Himself.

We know how Paul valued the prayers of all saints. He was an apostle, he was inspired, he was a worker of miracles, yet alike for deliverance from prison and danger, and for success in his Master's work, he felt greatly dependent on the people's prayers. He expected great results from the church's service of prayer. And so should we. The inv wrought conviction of all our hearts should be, that prayer is the most efficient spiritual agency in the universe, next to the Holy Ghost. He is omnipotent and doeth as he wills; but next to the Omnipotence of the indwelling Spirit is the power of prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive" is the Magna Charta of the Christian Church; conferring on her, powers which are all but omnipotent, and so by exercising this noble ministry the Church of Christ may set in motion the second most potent agent under Heaven, you can move the hand that moves the world.

2. *A service of Home training.*

Where shall we find a field for work? Fathers and mothers, God has provided you, at least, with a field, a fertile field not yet overrun with weeds, in which the soil is not preoccupied with briars and thorns. There in the morn you may sow your seed, and water it in the evening,