

the defence and elucidation of Gospel truth and Apostolic order; she would also have them men of general information and intelligence, and, if it may be, distinguished by a certain degree of mental refinement and gentlemanly courtesy;—all of which are certainly, more or less, essential to the complete equipment of those who are to “speak for God,” and to hold a social position which ought, for the well-being of the community at large, to be one of the most influential in the country.

It is evident, however, that in reasonable consistency with these habits a proper sufficiency of income is requisite; not abounding wealth, for the servants of the cross—lay, indeed, as well as cleric—should ever be distinguished by a spirit of self-denial, especially when required by the necessities of the Church of Christ. But *poverty is not the necessary condition of the Pastors*, where the flock are in a position comfortable, as are those of most of our Canadian settled parishes. And your Committee have no wish to forget that the Anglican Church rather frowns, than otherwise, upon the *celibacy* of a parochial clergy. Especial consideration, therefore, should be given to the heavy expenses which a Clergyman's family and position entail upon him:—in the pure training and liberal education of his children; that generous hospitality to which the Clergy, in this, as in other things, being ensamples, to the laity, are commanded to “be given;” those abundant alms-deeds and liberal offerings to God, by which it is so desirable they should be distinguished; with a long catalogue of pecuniary calls, to which their sacred profession and prominent social status subjects them; all of which require that they shall be themselves raised far above penury. Nor can a Clergyman pass by these claims without decided injury to the influence of the Church, to his own usefulness, and a painful lowering of self-respect.

Such are the *desiderata*, personal and relative, which the Church looks for in those who “minister at her altars;” a standard certainly higher than that of the denominations around us; but yet is it both the disgrace and the sin of Canadian Churchmen, that our funds should come so far short of affording a fitting maintenance for such a ministry; and, alas, still less will they provide them so in anything like sufficient numbers.

Seeing, then, that these things are so, it is no matter of surprise to your Committee, that young men of suitable attainments and pure minds, though it may be of somewhat timid faith, but who are, nevertheless, sincerely desirous of devoting themselves to the service of Christ and His Church, should shrink from facing the attendant difficulties. Do not the secular trials of some of the Clergy, at this very time, and the struggling circumstances of the Widows and Orphans of others, but too well justify their fears? Yea, may they not have witnessed instances in which the Clergyman's usefulness has been totally destroyed, and his very character endangered by the crushing effects of debts, the creation of which—from the dishonest parsimony of his parish, in the smallness and *uncertainty* of his salary—it was all but impossible for him to have avoided? Or, perhaps they have known another pastor of the flock prevented from visiting his poor parishioners, even to impart the consolations of the Gospel, because he had not wherewith to minister to their necessities—their hunger, their cold, and their nakedness! Your Committee are not endeavoring merely to make out a case, they speak of *facts*, the knowledge of which has made their own hearts sad. And, oh, they wonder not that our pious youth sicken at such ministerial prospects! Fathers and Brethren! we may regret the want of a nobler and more confiding faith in our younger brethren, but what must be the sin, almost unpardonable, of those members of Christ whose enviousness it is, that subjects the faith of these youthful aspirants to the service of the sanctuary to so severe a test; thereby, also, leaving the thousand of the Redeemer's flock as sheep having no shepherd.