

sons, a devotion of themselves to the highest and noblest professions to which man can aspire—that of being fellow workers together with Christ in the great work of saving souls; and whilst such parents act upon this suggestion, it is recommended to them, that they make better provision for those sons than they do for their other children; so that they may feel less the inconveniences arising from inadequate clerical incomes.

It is believed that there are *many Christian* mothers in this Diocese, who would hail with sacred pleasure the day, on which one or more of their sons should take upon themselves the vows of the Christian Ministry. Let them, then, as they regard the souls of their perishing fellow-churchmen; nay, as they regard the souls of their own offspring, exert with their sons that influence, which mothers only can exert; and let them not fail to persuade their husbands to set apart a goodly portion of their substance for the comfortable maintenance of their sons thus dedicating themselves to the Christian Ministry.

There may be parents, of means, who would gladly act upon the suggestions here given; but whose sons, wanting grace or suitable talents, lament their inability to carry out these suggestions. But let them not despair, “the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that He cannot save; neither is His ear heavy, that He cannot hear.” “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Let them seek for their sons that grace, which they need; and if they offer fervent prayer through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they have his gracious promise, that *they shall prevail*. But even if their prayers should not be sufficiently fervent, to secure this much desired blessing; or if their sons should not possess the talents requisite for useful Clergymen, they need not yet forego the privilege of raising up one or more to serve in the sanctuary. They may take by the hand some promising youth of piety and talents, whose parents lack the means of educating him for the ministry, (it may be the son of some poor Clergyman,) and do for him what they would gladly have done for one of their own.

And may not the same duty be pressed on persons of means, who have no children of their own, to dedicate to God’s service. How better could they employ those means entrusted to their care, and for the due improvements of which they will have to render a strict account, than in raising up and sustaining some worthy young man, to preach Christ Jesus to a perishing world? A gentleman connected with this country by business relations *only*, having learned the great want of Divinity Students in this Diocese, and having providentially met in one of his visits to this country a promising lad, in whom he became interested, is now educating him, preparatory to sending him to Trinity College, with a view of his being prepared for the ministry. Your committee trust that his excellent example may find many imitations among those, more intimately connected with this country, than is the Christian merchant alluded to!

Clergymen and Sunday School teachers might further the increase of the Divinity Students, by noticing in their parishes or classes, pious lads of promise, calling their attention to the ministry, and recommending them to the care and patronage of benevolent individuals of the authorities of the Church.

In accordance with the practice of the inspired Apostles, as recorded in the Acts, the Church has directed that all her members should, by fasting and prayer, seek God’s blessing for those ordained to the office of the sacred ministry; and in order that there may be united prayer for this most important purpose, she has fixed upon certain seasons of the year to be thus observed, the Ember Weeks.

Your Committee firmly believe that a more faithful observance than has hitherto prevailed in this Diocese of this Scriptural practice, would, under God, be not only blessed to those, for whose benefit it was spe-