

ask, for we have the record of more than twenty years to judge from? Simply these: None of those who went to Princeton, though aided by the Y. M. B. Fund, have returned to us. Of those who went to Queen's, only one or two have returned to their native Province. Of those who went to Scotland, most have returned, but, alas, in not a few cases only to go back after a longer or shorter sojourn with us. Unless we have a place here to receive our young men when they have finished their course in Arts, we need expect only a small per centage even of those whose present intention is to study for the ministry in their own Church and land. The reasons that bring about this result are irresistible, but we need not debate reasons, when the clear teaching of experience can be appealed to. This subject is so important that we invite communications on it from the friends of the Church."

The foregoing article appeared in the November "Record" of the Sister Church. We reproduce it at length, because we think that the circumstances of the two Churches are so similar that nothing which concerns the one can fail to interest the other. A few years ago it was proposed in our Synod to close our Hall, and use the funds in sending our students abroad; and although the Synod would not entertain the proposal, yet there are a few among us who think it is the true policy. In considering such a question the experience of our brethren of the other Synod is of great value to us. They have tried the plan. How has it succeeded? It has proved an utter failure. Nor is this at all strange. It is just what must be reasonably expected, and it is just what we have already been experiencing. Last year two of our students who finished their course in the colleges over the border entered the service of the American Church; and frequently before we have lost students in this way. Our experience has not been quite as bad as that of our brethren; but the experiment is new with us, and the majority of our students have only gone away for a term or two. But let our young men all go. Let their ecclesiastical life begin and develop with the great Churches of Britain and America, and it is nothing more than reasonable to expect that their sympathies and leanings will all be in these directions. If we would be a successful Church we must have a

"home-trained Ministry," and our Church is not worthy of its position, and not worthy of the privileges God has given it, if it cannot produce talent and means sufficient to train its own Ministers. There is not an argument which can be used in favor of sending our divinity students abroad, but may be used with equal force in favor of sending all our students abroad, of closing all our colleges, and declaring that we are too poor, and our ministers and men too brainless to do anything for "higher education,"—that wisdom dwells across the Atlantic or "over the lines," and whoever would seek it must go there. The great trouble with us has been that we have been so divided that we have lost all our strength. Let us have union among all, and instead of our present "colleges," many of which are little better than respectable grammar schools, we may have a "University" worthy of our country, and the hundreds of young men who go abroad may receive a better education at home. Let us consider with care the "Union of Presbyterianism," now before our Church courts; and with union of men and resources, we may solve the problems of our brethren and ourselves, and have a Hall of which none of us need be ashamed. The claims of our Hall are now before our Church. Fidelity to our Church, fidelity to ordination vows, demands that every Minister and Elder of the Church stir up the people so that this main wheel of the Church's machinery be kept in proper running order.

CIRCULATION OF THE RECORD.

As the increased circulation of the Record will doubtless be pressed upon us in the next number, I would venture the following suggestions:

1st. The calling attention to articles contained in its columns from the Pulpit.

2nd. The appointment of canvassers to secure subscribers by Sessions assigning them a district.

3rd. By Ministers making enquiry of families at their annual visitations as to whether the Record is taken.