

The first point made—the new birth is final, and many people will agree with the soundness of the second position. The church itself is the only proper school for the education of true ministers, although there is certainly another side to this proposition. It is a matter of no small importance that the question of the ministry should receive the attention it has been receiving of late. Ministers are showing an earnest desire to turn their opportunities to the best possible advantage and are conferring, consulting, and interchanging views on the subject which will result to the advantage of the Church. The work of the ministry is an arduous one and the man who enters upon it without the intellectual and spiritual equipment necessary commits a grievous mistake. Nothing but good can result from magnifying the sacred office and impressing on intending candidates the necessity of a call from God to his special work.

**Dr. J. G. Paton's Mission Steamer.** The following resolution taken from an exchange refers to Dr. J. G. Paton, the renowned missionary to the New Hebrides. The subject will be referred to at some length next week. The exchange says that when the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted, Prof. Harper, one of the most influential of the Australian clergy, and occupant of the chairs of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in the Melbourne Theological College, moved:—"Whereas, There appears in the Messenger of our Church and in the English papers a report that Dr. Paton is pleading for £1,000 per annum for the maintenance and support of a mission steamer, the commission instruct the Foreign Mission Committee to call Dr. Paton's attention to the fact that no such steamer exists, and that no such scheme has been sanctioned by the Church, or is likely to be, and to request him to abstain from pressing the scheme upon the British public, whether as the representative of this Church or under the auspices of any other association."

**What Ministers can do.** In the allusion to the discontinuance of the National Baptist for lack of support, the Rev. Dr. McArthur, of New York, says: "It is astounding that some pastors, and the people generally, are so little interested in the circulation of a worthy denominational paper. Pastors stand sadly in their own light when they fail to encourage the members of their churches to take a good denominational paper. It is simply impossible for church people to be, in the largest degree, useful to their churches, to their denomination, and to the cause of Christ at large, if they do not take a religious paper. There is no investment of money which will bring larger returns for the Church, the denomination, and for Christianity, than what is expended in procuring good religious papers. Two to five cents a week for the year will secure the weekly visits of a great, strong, wholesome and altogether superb religious paper. The general circulation of such a paper in a church is worth as much to a pastor as an assistant in pastoral work."

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000; Chicago Orphan Asylum, \$50,000; Chicago Home for the Friendless, \$50,000; Chicago Manual Training School, \$50,000; Chicago Bible Society, \$25,000; Scotch Presbyterian Church of New York City, \$25,000; Presbyterian Hospital, \$25,000; &c. In addition to these, the Abraham Lincoln monument fund gets \$108,750. The report states that the executors hold in trust the residue of the estate, to be expended in erecting the John Crerar Public Library.

**Error in the Estimates** We are requested to draw attention to an error in the statement of the estimated requirements for 1894-95, distributed a few days ago. The item \$85,000 for Missions to the Jews, should be \$8,500.

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