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## EDITORIAL

### THE NEW PASTOR

A change of pastors marks a crisis in the life of a church. The arrival of a new shepherd is an important event to the believing flock. High hopes may be cherished for the spiritual progress of the work as the new leader arrives, and many prayers may be offered for the success of his ministry.

The attitude of the church toward the new pastor is all-important. He may come to the new field with faith for victory equal to that of any who waits to receive him, but unless certain adjustments are made both pastor and people are doomed to disappointment.

There is a sense in which the former pastor must be forgotten. His labour of love should ever be remembered with thanksgiving, his godly life with appreciation, and his helpful messages with praise to God, but no person should allow their love and loyalty to a former pastor to claim the place which belongs to the present shepherd.

There are some changes a church should expect with a change of pastors.

All men are not alike. The method and manner of preaching differs as men differ. Perhaps the former pastor had a style or manner of preaching which strongly appealed to you. The preference you have in this respect may be due to natural causes and to a certain extent be perfectly legitimate; but when our personal likes or dislikes lead us to hold a former pastor in the place which belongs to the present leader, we have allowed ourselves to be carried away too far. We have to guard against selfishness in our attitude toward pastors. They are not called to please us but to preach the gospel. If we are to realize the best results from the ministry of the man now occupying the pastoral office of the church we must adjust ourselves to his manners and methods and support him with our prayerful attention and encouraging words.

I have known some people who, regardless of their devotion to the pastor of the yesterdays, transfer that spirit of loyalty immediately on the arrival of a new leader. They still retain high regard and deep affection for some who ministered to them in former days, and rightfully so, but they are very careful to avoid any references or remarks which

might make their present pastor feel embarrassed. Evidently these good souls have decided that, whoever the pastor chosen by the church, and whatever his manners or methods, he is worthy of their loyalty, support and kindly consideration by virtue of his office.

All that is stated or implied regarding the moral and spiritual support of the new pastor applies in regard to his financial support. The tithes which are needed to provide remuneration for the new pastor and support the work of the church to which he is called, should not be sent to someone who now labours on another field.

If the new pastor is received into the hearts of the people to whom he comes, and made to feel that he is to them as "a man sent from God," he will strain every nerve and muscle to give worthy leadership to the church to which he has been called.

### CHANGES IN OUR HIGHWAY STAFF

With the beginning of a new church year, we have a new Associate Editor and a new Y. P. Editor taking up work with our King's Highway. Rev. W. E. Smith succeeds Rev. H. S. Dow as Associate Editor and Lic. Ralph Ingersoll replaces Rev. Wilbur Mullen as Y. P. Editor.

Both these elections are due to the voluntary retirement from office of the former Associate and Y. P. Editors. Rev. H. S. Dow served on the editorial staff of The Highway for the past thirteen years, nine years as Editor and business manager and four years as Associate Editor. During his term of office as editor, Brother Dow brought The Highway to a much improved financial position, and gained the respect of his readers in his writings and editorship. His helpful messages during his thirteen years as a regular contributor were widely read and greatly appreciated.

Rev. Wilbur Mullen was editor of the Young People's Page of The Highway for three years and discharged his responsibility with faithfulness and efficiency. His work was of the highest order and his writings were received with approval by readers young and old.

As these men pass their respective tasks to their successors, we wish, on behalf of our Highway family to thank them for their splendid service.

We welcome the new Associate Editor and Y. P. Editor.

Rev. W. E. Smith is well known as an able preacher and gifted writer, and Lic. Ralph Ingersoll, who this year joins the faculty of our Holiness Bible Institute, is a gifted young man who will capably edit the Y. P. Page. Both these men will make valuable contributions to the ministry of our Highway.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

In bringing a brief report on Sabbath Observance, we wish to acknowledge the day, and honor it as the Lord's Day. The thought of the day being the one reserved as His day adds so much to the sacredness and importance of the day which we are commanded to remember to keep holy.

It is true that the day was made for man and not man for the day; but since man is called unto holiness it should not be thought strange to him to observe the day in keeping

with all other moral obligations of the Creator. All of man's highest and best interests are in perfect agreement and harmony with the requirements of God, for the more nearly we conform to His will the more quickly do we approach Christian perfection.

We deplore the growing tendency to desecrate the day by unnecessary secular use as well as making it one of pleasure. The object of one day in seven reserved by the Creator of the universe was at least threefold,—first, as a day of rest for all, which holy writ declares to be right; secondly, for man's moral good, since he has a dual nature—physical and spiritual—in order that attention may be given to Spiritual needs; and thirdly, that God may be honored and worshipped as the Supreme One—that His name be glorified and Christ exalted who said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Further, we regret the tendency to do away with Sunday afternoon and evening services. The observance of the day, as unto the Lord, is not concluded with service for an hour or two in the forenoon. While we are not under the strict-to-the-letter observance of Old Testament Sabbath day, nevertheless the Spirit of keeping the day holy should be in our hearts. We conclude with an exhortation to earnest diligence to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy, using a very pointed portion of Scripture. Isa. 58:13-14: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Respectfully submitted,  
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### A SOUL UPON MY HEART

And he brought him to Jesus (John 1:42).

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,  
And love that soul through me;  
That I may nobly do my part  
To bring that soul to Thee.  
Forbid that I should walk alone  
Along the heavenly way—  
Within my soul implant Thy groan,  
And lead me on to pray  
And toil with strong desires and tears  
For those who've gone astray;  
That sins of former days and years  
May all be washed away,  
And peace and joy and strength Divine  
May fill the empty breast;  
And cause that life for Thee to shine  
Till multitudes are blessed.  
O Saviour, heed my fervent cry;  
Since Thou hast died for me  
I long Thy Name to glorify,  
In bringing souls to Thee.

—Selected.

The present holiness movement, evangelistic and literary, will be permanent and prevailing only in proportion as it is pure, patient, preserving and prayerful.—Ex.