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## - Editorial -

### SO YOU HAVE A NEW PASTOR!

A number of our churches are beginning the church year with a new pastor. We take this opportunity to wish such pastors and churches a happy working relationship, marked by spiritual progress and a building-up of the kingdom of God. We believe that the pastoral changes ought to be a healthy experience—both in the life of the pastor and of the church. Each pastor brings to a church a particular ministry, a ministry that no other man can duplicate. Over the years, the individual church thus benefits from a variety of pastoral abilities and ministries. The new voice, the different manner, the contrast of personality, the different type of sermon material and presentation—all provide a source of interest and appeal that should be welcomed by the church.

On the other hand, the church offers to the incoming pastor a whole new set of circumstances in which to work. Whatever may have been his weaknesses or failures in a former pastorate, he is now given a chance to begin again and to develop a more effective and successful ministry.

But a happy and a harmonious church-pastor relationship does not come about by chance. No matter how fine a church or how excellent a pastor, it will still require deliberate and sustained effort on the part of both in order to establish and to maintain this healthy relationship.

The pastor must be prepared to render conscientious service to his church. Uppermost in his mind at all times will be the concern of his task as shepherd of the flock. The flock will need attention, care, and kindness. It will need to be fed, not skinned, and guided into a knowledge of spiritual truth and experience. The lost must be found and brought into the fold. This task requires the best service that the man of God is capable of rendering.

The church, on the other hand, ought to remember that their new pastor is human, still a man, with feelings, likes, dislikes, and certain limitations. Though a pastor, and called of God, he continues to need encouragement and kindness. The pastor's life is often a lonely one and he will need companionship of people. Always he will need the patient understanding of those he seeks to lead. The pastor has his struggles, fears, and disappointments. If the work is not progressing, he is sick at heart and is troubled—though others may not know. It is then that a little encouragement from someone in the church will

mean more to him than anything else in the world.

God bless you, pastor and church, as under God you begin to work together for the glory of God.

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### THE HOLINESS EMPHASIS IN EVANGELISM

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before a sinful world—and evangelism means just that. The civil war between the converted conscious mind and his unsanctified subconscious self is evident in myriad ways. Spiritual impotence and carnal ambitions spoil his witness for Christ and often cast him into despair.

I know personally the principal of a Bible college for Coloureds in South Africa. After his conversation he endeavored to witness for Christ in his grocery business by putting up texts of scripture in his shop. But he spoiled all this because of a bad temper which flared up repeatedly before his employees. Again and again he would go home at the close of business and mourn before God because of his failure to live a victorious Christian life before those whom he employed. Those subconscious urges which, no doubt, had been overwhelmed by the first flood tides of the new life in Christ began to reassert themselves as time went on. In such a state of personal civil war, my good friend was incapable of real soul winning.

Then came that unforgettable moment when he was filled with the Holy Ghost. It was then that he was sanctified wholly, so that his whole spirit, soul, and body might be "preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

So radical was the cleansing of his whole being that all traces of race prejudice vanished. He gladly obeyed the call to a task which, hitherto, would have been impossible for such a man—to train Coloured people for full-time Christian service. Today he is one of the most successful Bible college presidents I know.

"The heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes" (Ezekiel 36:23).—Herald of Holiness.

### ON AFTER PRAYER

While the minister was seating himself comfortably, in anticipation of hearing a brother minister preach in his pulpit that Sunday morning, word arrived saying that the visiting preacher could not come. The other clergyman had not prepared a special sermon, as he had felt quite confident that he would be relieved that day. Hastily, he had to cast about for some theme upon which he might speak in this emergency.

The opening hymn already had been sung. It was time for the morning Scripture lesson and prayer. About to rise and read from the Word, the minister noticed a bit of paper lying at his feet. He picked it up. It was a note slipped to him by the old janitor. It read:

"Power is off—on after prayer."

The pipe organ had become temporarily out of order. The janitor had turned off the power while he adjusted a minor part of the mechanism. The note was intended to advise the organist of the fact.

But it did much more than that. It gave the embarrassed minister a theme for a sermon. "Power off—on after prayer" were the words that set his thoughts to working. He regarded them as a message sent from God. He preached a powerful sermon on the necessity of praying much if we would have power for God's service.

"Power off" is it? You know; I know, if it is. "After prayer—it will be on. If we go to God in the proper attitude. Ours is the asking; His is the doing. Ask for power; God will give it, if we intend to use it for His glory.

—Evangelical Visitor