

Christian fellowship and sympathy. But there are certain points which we ask them in all fairness to consider before coming to a hasty conclusion : (1) REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE. This Porch is not the entrance to a social club or to worldly society. It is the Porch of our Father's House through which pass sinful souls, not to meet other sinners, but to meet their God. His presence, His favour and His love may well engross the attention and compensate for anything that is denied to us in other directions.

And oftentimes it is in isolation and loneliness, and amidst the unsatisfied cravings of earth, that the Pilgrim's restless affections are compelled to mount upward.

(2) MAKE FAIR ALLOWANCES. These expressions of fellowship for which you long are found difficult, and sometimes impossible, by many truly Christian people. Have *you* tried to practise them? Probably others are expecting in vain from you what you expect from them.

And we may be thankful that true Christian Brotherhood is too deep and precious a thing to be made dependent on such expressions, however appropriate they may be.

**Words and
Gestures
are not
Everything.**

The fellowship of the Church is, after all, not that of the ball-room with its superficial, and often unmeaning courtesies.

Rather is it the more undemonstrative but deeper fellowship of the Naval and Military Service, wherein men are united as wearers of one uniform, as subject to one discipline, as comrades in one army !