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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm 137. 4-6.

THE following address to the people was delivered by the Rev. A. J. MacKiehan, M. A., at the induction of the Rev. George Murray, M. A., to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's, New, Glasgow:—

You have heard, my dear hearers, the words of counsel and encouragement which have been addressed to your pastor; suffer me then while I briefly dwell upon the duties you owe him. And the success of his ministry among you, and your collective and individual improvement will depend as much upon the faithful discharge of your duties to him and the Master who sent him; as on the diligent performance of his duties to you. The duties you owe him are various and some of them most important. Both ability and time would fail me, were I to endeavour to enumerate and expatiate upon them all. Much must be left to your own intelligence, strong common sense and kindness of heart. It will be enough for me to refer to a few points.

Receive your minister as the messenger of God. "He that despiseth you, said Christ to his disciples shortly before the crucifixion, despiseth me, and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that

sent me." Esteem him highly for his work's sake. Remember that as a faithful minister, he is the ambassador of Christ to you; sent to treat with you concerning reconciliation to God; and that his Lord will look upon every injury done unto him, as offered to himself in person. He cannot perform his duties aright, unless he is made to feel that he is among friends and possesses your confidence and affections. You expect, and have a right to expect, that he will "rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." But how can he incorporate your joys and sorrows into his own bosom, except by having the assurance that he possesses a strong hold upon your sympathies and heart.

Then another duty you owe your pastor, if you are to benefit by his ministrations, is, "not to forget the assembling of yourselves together" for public worship. It is his part to occupy the pulpit with regularity; but surely it is yours, if not prevented by the restraints of divine providence, to present yourselves steadily before God in the courts of his house. It is very trying and discouraging to a minister of the Gospel, after careful and laborious preparation, to see on the Sabbath morning many of the pews unoccupied; and perhaps to find many of those for whom the dis-