

tages of this are too great to need discussion. In reading we ought also to be careful to have variety of method. We ought to be always doing some reading that requires laborious and careful study. This will help us to avoid those inaccuracies of statement and reasoning that some hearers find so irritating in preachers. At the same time we should be always doing some reading that requires swiftness and speed. This will help to give that contact with life and movement that a public speaker needs.

One other statement should be made as to the manner of reading. A reader should always lose himself in what he reads and still find himself again. A large number of the mistakes that readers make are due to the neglect of either one or other of these. Some readers never lose themselves in what they read, and so they never see in a book anything that they did not know before, and some readers never keep their own feet when they read and so their mind becomes a mere basket of undigested thought. Good reading grasps the idea of the author, but at the same time is sleepless in its own judgment and accepts nothing that is not assimilated.

So much space has already been taken that we have no time for a peroration. If, however, anything has been said that will help our pastors in any way that will be a sufficient reward for the writing and the reading of these suggestions that are given by a pastor to his companions in the ministry.

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A CASUAL FRIEND.

We meet and part, and go our way ;
A memory, nothing more ;
Nor dream that what we said to-day,
Floats to that further shore.

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