

11. Remember, eighthly: That pastoral visiting will aid to widen your experience, and thus to make you in yourself a larger and fuller man.

12. Remember, ninthly: That pastoral visiting will help you to find work for those who need to do work, and find workers for work that needs to be done.

13. Remember, in conclusion: That pastoral visiting will tend—your whole man, body, mind and spirit, being considered—to promote your own health and well-being.

14. And then remember, *after* the conclusion, that your more public Ministry being mainly fixed in amount by custom and current expectation, your real fidelity and zeal will, in popular esteem, not very unjustly be measured by the amount of this private pastoral Ministry of yours; which, to a great extent, is left to be a matter of voluntary undertaking on your part.

After these maxims there are a few questions asked by correspondents with the replies. As one of these questions relates to the pastoral call, we shall not omit it.

What rules should govern a Pastor in the *extent* of his pastoral work?

Our correspondent, we suppose, means, on what persons is it proper for a Pastor to call, as Pastor? This, of course, it is not always easy to determine. We will venture to answer the question, as briefly and comprehensively as possible, in the form of four maxims which, we trust, will cover the ground of doubt. If they do not, we shall be glad to hear from our correspondent again:

Abstain from extending your pastoral visitation to families justly within the boundaries of another Evangelical Minister's pastoral care.

But do not let any punctilio of mere professional etiquette prevent your ministering to a soul that, in your candid connection, would, without such ministering, suffer for lack of the Bread of Life.

In any case fairly open to question, confer beforehand with the fellow-minister concerned and, exhaust every effort to arrive at a satisfactory mutual understanding with him.

Avoiding possible complications of relationships with other Evangelical Ministers, extend your household visitation, with zeal, guided by discretion, into all quarters where there are people not in the habit of hearing a genuine gospel preached.

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ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAYER.—We have not such a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. iv. 15 15.