

Introductory Words.

My dear new people! my first word to you is one of commendation for your abundant hospitality and valuable assistance to pastor and family from the hour of their arrival until now. You were so kind and helpful that already we feel at home with you. We have come to love you, labor for, and with you and lead you.

We know we shall be very happy among you and soon be entirely at home with you. Let me say just here the "latch string" of our house and of our heart is out. Let me request of you all, dear people, that you be social and informal with your Pastor and family; run in often and come as to a **brother** and **sister** for such we want to be to everyone of you. Another thing, please let the Pastor know early of any case of sickness in the Parish, that he may call at the earliest opportunity.

So large a church and parish means a vast amount of toil and thought for the Pastor and only by a strict system can he accomplish what should be done; to this end study hours must be observed by the Pastor as exactly as office or bank hours by business men. These hours the Pastor will himself observe and is he asking too much when he requests the people to respect them also? **THE PASTOR'S STUDY HOURS WILL BE DAILY UNTIL 12 NOON.** The Pastor will be "at home" to any who may wish to see him from 1 to 2 p. m. daily and every **MONDAY** Evening.

Mrs Bates will be "at home" every Monday p. m. and evening; now this does not mean that you will be welcome at the Parsonage only then; by no means that: it means simply this:—Come at any time and often; only if you call on other days than Monday you may and may not find your Pastor's wife in; she may be calling in the homes of the Church and so you will miss her. But she will always be at home at the times named. To the young people of the Church and congregation an urgent invitation is hereby given to feel free to come to the home of the pastor at any time; if he can in any way serve you and help you dear young people, he will be so happy in doing it.

Ours is a **BROAD** field; we have a **LARGE** membership; and there is a **GREAT** work to be done in the town of Amherst. Just now the condition of things calls for wise, earnest, united activity. Let us "as one man" bend ourselves to our God-given task.

Well, I am fairly settled now. Recognition is over. I am studying our membership list and looking over the town a bit and am buckling on the harness in every part. I will preach **SMALL** sermons and you pray **LARGE** prayers. Now then here's for "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together" and with God's waiting blessing what victories may and shall be ours!

Yours in sincere affection,
Welcome E. Bates.