

But alas ! In how many instances are these relations severed and obligations broken.

*For example* : A man goes into a community where there is a small Baptist church. He can talk fluently and possesses the faculty of exciting the emotional nature ; and, doubtless as a lay member would be useful in the church. He commences work. The people become interested, many, are excited, and no doubt some are benefited. The community is enthusiastic, not so much for the cause, as for the new man. Their sympathies for a time dwarf their judgment. They feel that the Lord of the harvest has sent down to them a shining light. They must have the man ordained. It is almost like sacrilege to dissent from them even in opinion. They know of neighboring churches who will, upon good grounds, oppose the movement ; hence they invite those whom they believe will comply with their wishes. The council convenes ; the man is ordained and in our religious periodicals appears a glowing account of the ability of the new Pastor, and the magnitude and power of his work. But soon the excitement subsides ; the interest is gone, and things appear as they really are. The church awakes to the painful truth that their Pastor is not angelic, but human, and has wants like other men. They also realize that he cannot supply their needs and that he is void of those qualifications indispensable to success as a Pastor. In their *better* judgement they say " he is not the man we took him to be." and in *this* they are right.

The new Pastor soon learns that it is to his interest as well as that of the people's, to seek another field of labor, or, as is often the case other employment. Thus a man is turned out upon the denomination and we have to accept him as a God called and properly equipped Minister of Jesus Christ.

Such a Baptist church, counselled by two or three others of similar views, has transacted business of the most sacred and important character, and the denomination as an intelligent body has to accept, yea, even suffer from the acts of said church, yes, we say suffer. Some of our most worthy Pastors have been driven from fields of usefulness, and their influence destroyed in said fields, by such men.