

ern business and professional life, and this gave my ministry a decidedly practical turn. It was ever my aim to preach a gospel of applied Christianity. That I had ambitions and aimed to rank well among my brethren, I am frank to acknowledge. Had I pursued my ideal less earnestly, it might have been better physically with me to-day, but having had uninterrupted good health for over twenty years, I had come to regard myself as able to endure almost any amount of exposure, pastoral work, and hard study. During a pastorate of fourteen years three short vacations are all that I can record.

The folly of such a course is wonderfully apparent to me now. In this particular I think our Church for the past twenty-five years has pursued a policy that has been destructive of valuable energy. Her Preachers' Meetings, Ministerial Institutes, and Clerical Clubs have been given over altogether too much to the discussion