

Let us remember always that perhaps life-long prejudices must be overcome, and habits of thought and action, which have become second nature to them, overcome and changed. However tardy they may be never be discouraged, never give them up. If in doubt (as we often shall be) how to proceed, patiently and prayerfully wait, God will open opportunities. It may be by permitting sickness to come to the home, or by allowing the angel of death to enter and break the family circle. Let us make the most of these God-given opportunities, for I am convinced if we diligently, wisely and prayerfully sought them on such occasions and at such times, when the heart was for the time softened and the mind more susceptible to impressions, when God was saying, "My son, my daughter, give me thine heart," there would be fewer indifferent ones in our Parishes and Missions. Another magnificent opportunity for personal work is found in our Confirmation classes. I realize more and more as years go by the tremendous means of grace the holy rite of Confirmation is. And may God in his great goodness give to our beloved Bishop health and strength to visit our Parishes and Missions annually, as he has hitherto done. And when he has entered into his glorious rest, so well earned, may his mantle fall upon shoulders worthy of it. Upon one who will imitate his practice in annual visitations, for I am confident that the Church to-day in the country parts throughout the Diocese is stronger by hundreds than if the Bishop had visited as other Bishops do, once in two or three years, or when invited by the Clergymen.

It would little become me to urge upon you, my brethren in the Ministry, the great importance of faithfulness in the work of preparing candidates for confirmation, for who would knowingly be unfaithful here. Now preparing candidates for confirmation is a phase of personal work that gives scope to the most energetic. I have been told that all a city Rector need do is to give notice that he will begin his Confirmation classes on a certain day, and all who are desirous of confirmation will come to receive his instruction.

It is different in the country.

The children there, naturally more shy, and less well taught perhaps in the Sunday School, and in the house, or for some other reason I know not what, will not come forward, and therefore the clergyman must seek them out. And owing to the great distance that many of them live from the church it is almost impossible to get