

doctrine is sound and obligatory but the instances are few and far between. Few disputes have all the right on one side and all the wrong on the other. What I wish to say is this, I consider it cowardly as well as dishonorable to shrink from acknowledging a fault or error and making the *amende honorable* even though the other party to the quarrel may not do his part.

Once more, the clergyman should cultivate the quality of *gratitude*. He is very frequently the recipient of gifts and tokens of good will from his parishioners. For these let him be genuinely grateful. There are few dangers more natural and none more unlovely than the tendency, after a time, to receive gifts as a matter of course, and perhaps feel disappointed if they do not come up to one's expectations. These gifts are not ours by right of obligation and we have no right to look for them at all. Even gifts that may not be timely or suitable we should regard as expressions of good will towards us, for surely it would have been easier for that person to have omitted the little attention. The fact that he did not ought to be appreciated.

One other point I will refer to, and that is *punctuality in correspondence*. My experience as secretary of two or three associations enables me to say that clergymen are often far from punctual even when a reply is urgent and an addressed and stamped envelope is enclosed. This frequently leads to a great deal of confusion and inconvenience, and care ought to be taken to obviate such a result.

These heads I have touched upon hurriedly because they seem to me to be important factors in the make up of every clergyman. They are qualities that ought to grow out of the best instincts of the heart and find ready approval in the wisest heads. They are those qualities that enable us to meet every stratum of society without losing caste or having to win the respect and approval and which ought to have been ours from the first.

III. My third enquiry is what are the points of contact between the clergyman and society? To this we at once reply that such contact occurs naturally and properly in the domestic life of the people, at family dinners, social gatherings &c., at which he ought to be as much at ease as in his own drawing room. In this more intimate relationship of pastor and people there is sometimes danger of relaxing from the proprieties that should always be guarded with jealous care. On