

church's condition is typical and indicates the trend of the times.

The danger in much ministerial, as in other mental work, indeed, is that men will keep their minds active in one department or another of the routine of work, not for six but for seven days; and such a course becomes as wearing in church work as in, say, real estate, though the ultimate effects on pocket and soul may be vastly different.

One of the first duties of the earnest ministers of the day should be to see that they have their "day of rest" or recreation,—a day peculiarly for home and family life, and for outdoor exercise. "Six days shalt thou labour" out of seven is enough even for a minister, and the work of the six days will be all the better done if the worker makes a point of having a complete rest or change each seventh day.

The Annual Vacation: A Moderator's Omission

The instance, penitentially acknowledged by one young minister at the Westminster Presbytery, that he had on one occasion, while moderator during a call, failed to arrange for the inclusion of a holiday for the minister "called", and the result, was worthy of note, as was also the information given by the genial minister of Agassiz, that the matter of vacation was not mentioned in his call, and he had been five years without a holiday. It may be true (as he himself good-naturedly remarked) that he does not look as if he needed a holiday; but there is a serious side to the question as applied generally, which should not be overlooked in any formal arrangement made, and the Presbytery's action is in the right direction.

Faith, reasonably exercised, is a good thing, but even in religious work, it is only right that sensible provisions

should be noted, especially if this may save future discussion on points which might be difficult and delicate for a minister to introduce after "settlement."

"Four Weeks Clear"

All who have actual experience of both kinds of "labour" to speak from, know that mental work is much more wearing and trying than that which involves physical exertion only, and when those employed in clerical and mental work in law offices and elsewhere (as in first-class offices in Edinburgh anyhow) get about three weeks, and in some cases, as the writer can vouch from personal experience, four weeks clear holiday (**with salary**)—it will be readily conceded that ministers should not have LESS. Moreover, the average minister, as people at large are slowly recognizing, is underpaid, and there is all the more reason why he should in every case be relieved of having to pay for supply during his absence in addition to his personal holiday expenses.

In the case which came before the Presbytery this month, there is no doubt that the right thing would have been done without a "recommendation" but nevertheless the formal recognition that a holiday should be arranged for by a congregation and the matter mentioned in a call, was wise.

"Called and Chosen"

Kerrisdale, Vancouver, has decided to call Rev. A. O. Patterson, M.A., at present in Granum, Alberta. Kerrisdale will certainly deserve to be congratulated if nothing stands in the way of Mr. Patterson accepting. He is known in the west and elsewhere as not only one of the most brilliant of students, but as one of the finest characters engaged in church work. He