

but reckoned according to the amount of work done, the pastor really gets about ten thousand. He went on to say : His sermons are such as any man could compose by an hour's cogitation after tea on Saturday. He never visits, neglecting even the sick, and how he spends his time, no mortal man can tell. This is an extreme case, of course. To be successful a minister must economise his *time*, keep up his *studies*, work faithfully and to effect in *preparing sermons*, mix amongst his people, and take his proper share in the general work of the church, as well as of the *city* he lives in. This demands industry.

*Common-sense*, the most uncommon faculty, ; practical wisdom ; knowing what to do and what to leave undone, what to say and what to leave unsaid. This is about the last art a man acquires ; and many acquire it only after hard rubs and knocks in passing through the world. Common-sense will teach a man what to *see* and what to take no *notice* of, also what to hear and what to pass by as if he had not heard it. A wise man is sometimes blind, and sometimes deaf and dumb, at other times he is *wide awake* to see, quick of ear, and ready of speech. In administering the affairs of a congregation, presiding over meetings of church officers, by whatever name called, or of whole congregations, common-sense or, to use the Scriptural term, *wisdom*, is the supremely important attribute. Many a man of powerful talents has wrecked his ministry and spoiled his life by foolishness : foolish talking, foolish judgments, foolish partizanship, foolish intimacies, or repulsions : till the whole church becomes a nest of hornets, he himself all unconsciously (for the foolish man is always unconscious that he is foolish) being the centre of the whole disturbance. How exquisite is the picture of sanctified common-sense in the Epistle of St. James. "The wisdom that cometh from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." There is a model character for you. Strive by the grace of God, to make it your own.

I emphasize the necessity of common sense, or practical wisdom in four spheres particularly, viz. :

First, in dealing with your Bishop ;

Second, in dealing with your Organist and Choir ;

Third, in dealing with your Church-wardens, and last, but by no means least, in dealing with the Ladies of the Congregation.

I cannot enlarge upon these heads but commend them to your consideration.

*Perseverance* comes last, Every calling has its discouragements, and