

First Church with its large gallery and side extension, not to be crowded every Sunday evening the doctor is on duty; and the earnest worshipper, though a stranger, will not wonder at this when he gathers how broad are the pastor's sympathies, and how wide his outlook on life. The breadth of his sympathies and the bigness of his heart are revealed, as is often the case among men, by the scope of his unaffected prayers. In hearing these one is reminded that the petitioner has a lively sense of the needs of the men who are "down and out", the sick, the sin-stained and the wandering.

Dr. Fraser's unconventionality shows itself in pulpit dress also, as even there he does not wear the clerical collar. There may be a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of this course, as some hold that it is as fitting that a minister should dress for the pulpit as that a judge should dress for the bench or a barrister for the court, but it is well that in such matters there is freedom in the Presbyterian church which, in such connections, may be called the church of christian commonsense.

One thing is certain; the world-weary toilers, the conflict-scarred workers at all stages and ages, the tired mothers, the college students and other aspiring souls from all ranks of life who gather in First church of a Sunday evening, do not pause to consider the fashion of the preacher's collar, as they listen to his message. Dr. Fraser is a man of clear, unhesitating utterance, and a speaker always interesting, usually inspiring, and often eloquent.

The subject of our sketch is among the numerous company of working men who, notwithstanding the cheap sneers and jeers at ministers and churches occasionally indulged in by the ignorant or ill-minded, are tempted to work not a few days a week, but rather to continue in harness without due intermission seven days a week, and that for unreasonable stretches of time.

In after-service conversations with Dr. Fraser and also in friendly chats in his home, the writer has at different times gleaned not a few facts of interest, and though they were not noted for publication, in what is an independent impression written without consultation with and even without the knowledge of the subject of it, no harm can be done by recording one or two of them here.

It is not many months since the doctor removed his home from Cordova street in the centre of the city and within a stone's throw of the church, and in the meantime there has been fitted up for him a fairly comfortable study at First church. A glance at the walls of the study reveals pictures such as one naturally associates with the taste of a worker in the Great Service, but there is also a suggestion of Dr. Fraser's interest in the southern part of the North American continent. Though a Canadian born—a Nova Scotian, if we are not mistaken—Dr. Fraser has had considerable experience of church work in the States, where he has held several important charges, and on different occasions been asked to take a "Chair" in one or other of the colleges.

He is too much a man of the people, however, for any one to regret that he is not confined mainly to college class work, though in recent times, if all we hear be true, he has about as many lectures or discourses to prepare weekly as the average college professor. To our humble but independent way of thinking, the man who has anything like eight sermons or addresses to prepare