

and cities, and here other evils will present themselves, but I trust you will prove equal to the work demanded of you.

In the work of visitation you have much to encourage and help you. In the first place, our people *expect* to be visited; hence every Methodist door is open to you, and every Methodist family is waiting to welcome you. Others have to win the confidence of those among whom they move. With you it is not so; your ordination to-day, and your continued recognition by this Conference, gives you free access to all our people. When you enter the Circuit every Methodist knows you are come, and every boy, and girl, and servant, in a Methodist home, is expecting your appearance. This is an immense privilege, and I pray you see that it be not neglected. If the Great Head of the Church has thus opened your way, see that you walk in it. If He has thus rendered the people accessible, see that you be their wise and diligent pastor. A second advantage which you possess, is your freedom from dependence upon any individual. You will be supported by the whole people, and your support will be guaranteed to the end of your life. Methodism has no prizes to offer, and no blanks from which to shrink. As long as you are faithful, you will be sure of a Circuit. This will give you an independence which is of great value. See then that with these advantages you give yourselves heartily to your work. By pastoral care, I do not mean a mere formal visit to a family. I mean that freedom from clerical iciness—that friendliness, that accessibleness, which characterized your Divine Master, and His apostles, and which distinguished the early Methodist preachers. Live so that, like the apostles, your very shadow falling upon men may be a benediction. Have a look of recognition, a kindly grasp of the hand, a word of cheer, or sympathy, for all your people. Condescend to men of low estate and re-