

Call me "Queen of the Northern Maples,"  
 If a fancy title you seek.  
 But give me a name less chilly,  
 For one in whose bosom glows  
 A warm, deep love for the empire,  
 Than "Our Lady of the Snows."

—*J. W. Bengough, in Toronto Globe.*

### PAPER BEARING ON THE DUTY OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

The word "ministry" means "service"—a service rendered to God by conveying His messages, a service performed for man by delivering the messages.

A minister, in the true sense of the word, should be simply a Gospel-bearer. A true preacher must be ordained by God, not humanely ordained.

The ministry of Friends is spontaneous. Robert Barclay, when asked the question, "How can a man become a minister?" replied, "By the inward power and virtue of the Spirit of God." Such a minister is not man-made. He speaks upon an impulse which is not conceived by himself but comes to him from Jehovah, and he presents the truths which he firmly believes have been committed to him for delivery, and he would be shirking his responsibility who refuses to deliver or withholds this message.

Conveying the glad tidings of the Pickering Executive Meeting until the Gospel of Salvation should not be regarded as we would look upon saleable property—to be bought or sold—but it should be our duty, as well as privilege, to convey God's messages one to another, looking to God who will reward our works of charity and love.

A good education is not all that is essential to qualify men to be ministers of Christ. Indeed, education, although very helpful, avails little unless those persons possessing it are endowed with the Holy Spirit.

It seems to me we should be more earnest and energetic. How many of

us of to-day have the Christian faith of Martin Luther; the courage of George Fox; or the devotedness of Daniel Wheeler, who, in those early days, sailed amid so many dangers to the far islands of the South Seas, there that he might convey to those poor heathens the word of God? It seems to me our faith would pale amid such trials and privations as they endured, and yet it should not be so. I am reminded here of the beautiful hymn—"More Love, Oh Christ, to Thee; More Love to Thee."

We now turn to Eldership, the companion of the ministry.

Elders should be faithful, discerning, and energetic. They should assist the minister by their sympathy and counsel.

In conclusion, let me quote, "Life saved for self is lost, while they who lose it in His service hold the lease of God's eternal day."

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### LIFE AND DEATH.

A cry, a struggle,  
 Endless toil and strife;  
 A little pain and pleasure;  
 This is Life.

Rest, peaceful sleep and rest;  
 No more of struggling breath;  
 No more of toil and care,  
 And this is Death.

—Written by E. N. Harned Plainfield, N.J.

The faith that would seek its guidance from the Patriarchs rather than from the Apostles, and quotes from its history to qualify the Gospels, is elementary and undeveloped. The massacre of the Canaanites may have been a little better in its purpose than the morals of the day; but it is an impossible action for any Christian, and the idea of Messiah as the head of a righteous Jewish state was a noble dream eight hundred years before Christ, but something less than the Kingdom of God.—Ian Maclaren.