

Add look like a hobo. But if you are going to be working among the people most of you will be working among it would be best that you be experienced and in the habit of dressing in the way that will look to them to be proper for a Christian minister. In this hot weather I certainly would'nt object to anyone going without a jacket. I don't object to it anyway, if that is what you feel is best. But I think for your future ministry, when the weather gets cooler that you dress as you would as a representative of the Lord among the people with whom you will probably work in later times. Also it makes an impression upon people who are interested in the Seminary when they see our students. If our students look like a group of hobos they maybe won't think this is a particularly good school of them to support and take an interest in. That's not the primary consideration. The primary consideration is your preparation for your future. But I think that that and other things need to be thought of as we think of how we will best prepare ourselves to build gold, silver and precious stones. We must think of how we can get God's Word into people's hearts.

I have received many many times letters from people, many of them former students who have asked me about some point of doctrine, church history, OT interpretation, etc. and sometimes I have taken a whole day working out a good answer to it trying to give them a Scriptural answer to it, trying to give them the Scriptural evidence and tell them exactly what I thought would be helpful. And I'm glad to do it. But there has not been one case in 10--- let's say there has not been more than one case in 10 where I have received a note back thanking me for it! It's strange that people interested in Christian things so often neglect to think of the little amenities of showing gratitude, of showing an ~~attitude~~ attitude toward others that will show we are appreciative of them and we feel a oneness with them.

Little things like showing gratitude, taking care of responsibilities. My wife likes to have the seniors to dinner sometime during the year before they leave. She often writes them letters asking them to come at a certain date to dinner, and half of them in many cases have not bothered to answer the note of invitation. If they get out in the ministry and take that kind of an attitude I don't know how long they will last in a particular church. Or ~~we're~~ we're all careless; I've been plenty careless myself time after time. But I think these things are important for us to think of whether we are going to build for the Lord.

I was interested in looking over the records for the ~~new~~ ~~students~~ students how often someone has said, Has a fine grasp of truth; can present it fine, but as to what kinder his work, he is quite shy. He underestimates his own ability, and finds it hard to talk to people. I think everybody's probably shy. Probably most of us who are shy think we are about the only ones. But it's not so. Practically everybody is shy. If we step out to be friendly with people, if we try to make them think we are interested in them, we will be much more effective workers for the Lord. I find it hard to do that because I ~~have~~ find it so difficult to remember faces. I want to be friendly with somebody, but I don't want to talk to him as if he's someone from Arkansas when actually he's a man from Washington! If he tells me who he is maybe I can be more friendly,