

# *The Kirk News*

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Dear Friends,

As we stand at the crossroads, as it were, between having farewelled a Minister and his wife who have given of the best nine years of their life in devotion to our Church in this district, and that of awaiting the introduction of another to take up the strenuous duties, and meet all the demands pertaining to a congregation.

We would do well to pause awhile and examine ourselves.

Quite naturally, our minds are centered around such questions as these. Who are we going to call? What will he be like? Will he be an outstanding preacher? A good leader in the Spiritual sphere, or a bright light in the social side of the Church?

So we conjure up in our minds a super man, one who is first class in every avenue of Church life, one who will meet our every demand, no matter how inconsiderate, aggravating, or trivial it may be, with a ready response and a

cheerful countenance. If he does not measure up to our standards, are we going to be disappointed? Let us face up to real facts. We may expect, and rightly so, a Minister to be truly loyal to both God and us. He also has a perfect right to expect us as individual members of his flock to be equally loyal to him, and above that to be loyal to Jesus Christ and His Church.

When we fearlessly face up to the truth, and are absolutely honest with ourselves, we will be forced to admit that we are most inconsiderate and inconsistent. We expect—nay demand—from others what we are not prepared to give ourselves. We expect our minister to keep his appointments in the pulpit at a specified hour, come wet, come fine, in good health or otherwise.

We, too, should realise that we also have an appointment in the pews, not only in loyalty to our God and His Christ, and most important of all, in loyalty to our-

selves. Man was created, Spirit, Soul, and body, and to maintain the spiritual life it is an absolute necessity for man to have fellowship with God through His Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer, also it is most essential for man not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

What joy and encouragement it would be to any minister of the Gospel if all of his flock would be faithful in attendance at the place of worship!

What priceless spiritual treasures we forfeit because we become too interested and occupied with the things of time and sense. Too often we are spiritually bankrupt for we have not kept our appointments with God.

Yours sincerely,  
V. A. JOHANSON.

#### NEWS AND NOTES

A Special Congregational Meeting, presided over by our Interim Moderator Rev. C. Egan, was held after worship on Sunday, 17th July. The attendance was excellent and was well represented by members of each church.

No doubt keen interest is being shown re the selecting of a new minister. However, only preliminary steps could be taken at this stage. A selection committee was formed, their task being to investigate the possibility, suitability and the availability of potential ministers.

The Selection Committee have met, and have considered several men, and at present are awaiting certain information which will enable them to bring a definite recommendation to the congregation.

We all realise the tremendous responsibility that is ours in this task, and we pray and trust that we may discharge our duties in a creditable manner.

#### CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

It is with sorrow that we record the death on 17th July of Mr. Samuel Kerridge of Glen Aplin.

The late Mr. Kerridge actively associated himself with the Presbyterian Church soon after he arrived in this district forty years ago. He conducted many services throughout the district. He and his late wife were largely responsible for the erection of the Glen Aplin Church in 1926. It was rare indeed to find his seat vacant at any service held in Glen Aplin.

We extend our sympathy to his family at this time.

Also we extend to Mrs. Fraser and family sincere sympathy in their sad loss. Mr. Fraser passed to his eternal reward on 10th July.

For several years, Mr. Fraser was Charge Treasurer, a task which was excellently discharged and appreciated by the committee. Mr. Fraser was very interested in singing and was always ready with heart and voice to help at all