

The year that I became a  
resident student in the Harvard  
Divinity School, the address to  
the students was made by  
the then President of H. U.  
The concluding sentence was  
in these words.

"Gentlemen, I welcome you  
to the most venturesome pro-  
fusion of the twentieth century."

That, I am sure, still holds.

At the ripe age of 91. that some  
man made a brief address in  
Tremont Temple. - after the last  
world-war.

"I look forward to the New  
Age with Hope"

Two other things I want to speak  
of.

First. I was outraged and in-  
stalled by a tyranny.

That, with all its implications,  
I cherish.

Second

Charge to the minister;

"The significant fact is that most of the important thinking of the time is being done outside of the Christian Churches."

One of your tasks as a minister of religion is to carry forward the rich spiritual tradition of <sup>the past</sup> and so far as possible, work to bring together these divergent streams of life."

That charge still holds for us, and, I believe, is valid in any understanding of modern life, of current difficulties, and is an ever present factor in your decisions =

Some factors involved, and some eliminated; upon all of which a minister comes at one time or another.

1<sup>st</sup> Our tradition goes back to the principles of the Congregational polity.

The Church exists before its officers. =

a - Separation of Church & State.

b - Minister of the congregation.  
Recent Annual election of minister.

So - in theory, the minister is of the people.

Back of that is the assumption that truth is discovered not revealed.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets; I am come not to destroy but to fulfill."

Not a trade, or a ladder for  
social standing. :-

Married ministry.

Profession =

Call =

about patterns and abstractions would without end, but in actual fact there is something at the heart of it, so intimately personal as to defy all definitive generalizations.

Witness the dear old priest in "The Keys to the Kingdom" and ask why it has become, and remained a best seller for these long months.

"O Lord - for once, - put Thy Will, but mine be done."

Here we have a very genuine person, coming into direct conflict with an old generalization. The individual personality is just breaking through.

Just what forces and factors