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Mr. D. C. Martindell,  
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Dear Happy:

No, I am not surprised at all that you are the chairman of your local committee to find a new pastor for your local Congregational Church. I would rather expect it.

I have checked up regarding Rev. Lawrence Deever and I find upon good authority that he is a very affable and personable young man. He is very energetic and meets people especially well. He is not of the back-slapping variety, but is one who moves easily and favorably into your personality. He is married and has one young child.

He is modern, but not too modern to do a constructive piece of work in a church. He doubtless would do an exceptional piece of work. Of course, five more years on his shoulders would enhance his value greatly, as these added years of experience always do to a young man. He has served here as secretary of the Ministerial Alliance and they have now moved him up to the vice presidency. He has also served on the recreational council for the summer playground work. He is a representative of the Ministerial Alliance.

From the very authentic source that I have gleaned this information it is my opinion that he would deserve your very wise and careful consideration. He has great promise, I am told, and I believe he would welcome definitely a change to the Congregational Church. Doubtless with his so-called modernity there might be some unpleasantness associated with the fast and staid United Brethren doctrine. From every source that I have contacted I found nothing but high praise for him. From one minister who is not a member of either flock I asked him to rate him in his own church, if he were a member of this faith. The minister rated him ninety plus, so you can see that the estimation of him among ministers is very high.

If there is further information that you wish, or any way that I can serve you, please command me.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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