

*Pres.* I am unable to make any further objection on this point. It appears that there is common, or catholic ground, upon which we all agree, covering our whole practice, upon which we can unite. At least I see no flaw in it now. But I have another serious difficulty on baptism, which I must reserve for another meeting. I will barely mention it now, that all parties may think of it against our next meeting. It relates to the *mode* of baptism. It will puzzle Mr. C. to find catholic ground on this subject.

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### THE LORD'S TREASURY AND THE LORD'S LABORERS.

Speaking on these subjects, the 'Gospel Advocate' says:

The idea of a salary to a preacher, or to the poor—which would be quite as appropriate—was not known in the days of the apostles, but as the preachers or the saints had need the churches supplied their wants.

Whilst on the salary system, it may not be amiss to state a few objections to it in plain contrast with the teaching of the Scriptures.

1. No people can adopt it, who regard the authority of the Scriptures.
2. The salary system never fails to produce strife amongst the preachers.
3. The tendency of the system is to make preachers mere flatterers of the flesh. In turn they receive pay in large salaries, rich presents, and the flatteries of the giddy and corrupt. Remember Nashville and Lot's wife.
4. In raising a salary, the sole idea with nine-tenths of the people is to subscribe in proportion to their love for the pastor, and, consequently, their sacrifice is not to God, but to their own vicious appetites.
5. The system makes preachers a set of sycophants, always electioneering for place and money.
6. It also unmakes the gospel minister, and a preacher is not judged by his talent, Biblical knowledge, goodness of heart, or ability to reform sin and reform transgressors; but according to his ability to collect a *crowd* of the indolent, most of whom will subscribe liberally to be flattered into a good opinion of themselves. Hence a preacher's points are discussed just as traders discuss the good points of a mule or