

was doubtless designed as a blessing to the churches, therefore it is wise or every young minister to be himself. At the same time a young minister should try to find out his own defects, and then prune and lop off any personal or constitutional peculiarities that might tend to attract attention from the great object of his ministry, the glory of Christ in the salvation of men.

A great London preacher lately said, when giving advice to young ministers, If we would make men feel, we must feel ourselves. He who preaches to broken hearts, always preaches to the times. It is said that Rowland Hill once said to his curate, "Never mind breaking grammar if you can break hearts."

I will now briefly consider several of the most suggestive terms contained in the text. The first is that of service, "Serving the Lord." The holy ministry is a service, a service of the Lord, and a service to man. This Apostle, in another place saith, "I have made myself servant of all, that I might gain the more." He served men that he might glorify Christ, in and by their conversion, but no man could claim him as his servant; he could say, "we are your servants for Christ's sake." He did all for Christ. Although a minister for Christ's sake allows himself to descend to this level, he is in no sense any man's servant, nor is he under human control, except in so far as the Holy Scriptures warrant.

We find, however, in some churches, where democratic supremacy has usurped authority, that ministers are treated as if they were mere hirelings, and who are unblushingly told that they are paid for their services, and must therefore be subject to their control, and that often means the control of a domineering Demetrius. Such men seek to degrade the sacred office of the ministry; they too often succeed in putting a brake on the chariot wheels of the Gospel, and in hindering the usefulness and breaking the heart of the minister.

Although the true minister is a servant, not a master or a usurper of authority, he occupies the most honourable, the most dignified, and the highest office upon earth.

The late Rev. Dr. Carey, the great and learned missionary of Serampore, had a son who was a missionary. This son left the mission and became an ambassador to the court of Burmah. His honoured and revered father, deeply regretted this step, and when he spoke of it, always with sorrow, he said, "Yes, alas, Felix is shrivelled up into an earthly ambassador!" Have we not also known men who were shrivelled up in a similar way? All earthly offices, however good and high, are less than nothing in dignity and importance when compared with the office of the Christian ministry. The true minister is a co-worker with, and "an ambassador for God." Could any office be higher than that! The true