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But whatever be the motive, whether it be to guard the sanctity of the sacred office, or whether it be from ignorance of the true function of the preacher of the Gospel, whether it arise from the spirit of vanity or the spirit of envy, it is a wrong and injurious cry. Would it not be wiser to say ? "Ministers of the Gospel come to close quarters with your people in all that affects them and their interests. Apply the principles of that Book whose expounders you are, to the whole domain of life. Bring religion into politics, into commerce, into education, into everything—preach the Gospel so that it may come to the lives of men. Do not hesitate to send the shot and shell of Bible righteousness straight into that group of profane Sabbath breakers, into that nest of covetous traders or into that clique of political intriguers."

Now let me state three or four reasons why ministers of the Gospel should take an active interest in all public questions that affect the welfare of the nation ?

1. PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL SHOULD TAKE PART IN POLITICS AND QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE STATE BECAUSE THEY ARE, OR OUGHT TO BE, MEN OF STRONG PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS.—Indeed it seems to me that no one imbued with the teachings of the Bible can fail to be in the highest sense patriotic. Where will you find national feeling more intense ? Where will you find love of country more ardent than among the Jews ? In Bible history from Moses to Malachi what grand patriots stand forth in the law-givers, the judges, the poets, the prophets of Israel ! Where will you find more profound