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## Beautiful Lives.

- " Beautiful faces are those that wear—  
It matters little, whether dark or fair,  
Whole-souled honesty printed there.
- " Beautiful eyes are they that glow,  
Like crystal panes where hearth fires glow,  
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.
- " Beautiful lips are those whose words  
Leap from the heart like song of birds,  
Yet whose utterance wisdom girds.
- Beautiful hands are those that do  
Work that is earnest, brave and true,  
Moment by moment, the long day through.
- " Beautiful feet are they that go  
On kindly ministry too and fro,  
Down lowliest ways, if God wills so.
- " Beautiful shoulders are those that bear  
Ceaseless burdens of homely care,  
With patient graces and daily prayer.
- " Beautiful lives are those that bless—  
Silent rivers of helpfulness,  
Whose hidden fountains few may guess.
- " Beautiful twilight set of sun,  
Beautiful goal with race well run,  
Beautiful rest with work well done.
- " Beautiful graves where grasses creep,  
Where brown leaves fall, where drifts lie deep  
Over worn-out hands—oh! beautiful sleep!"

## Your Pastors Income.

### WHAT SHOULD IT BE?

Should it be the smallest amount that will keep soul and body together? Every Christian will answer, No!

Shall it be the smallest amount for which any ordained minister will consent to serve? By all means, No! It were as well to clothe our children in the cheapest, flimsiest cloth to be found in the stores, as to seek the cheapest exhortations that can be found in pulpit circles for the feeding of our souls.

What, then, should be the standard of a pastor's salary? So asks the *Christian Observer*.

1. It should make provisions for the books necessary to the culture of his mind and heart. As well try to make butter without cream, as to expect the preacher to give us racy, interesting and instructive sermons without the materials on which to draw for facts. He must have maps, concordance, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, cyclopedias, histories, and standard works on biblical customs, and on theology, as well as the current literature, with accounts of the new discoveries in Bible lands, etc. These are as necessary to him in building sermons, as is lumber to the carpenter who is building a house for you. Have the deacons estimated how much the pastor ought to spend on these, his tools or his material, in order to develop first-class instruction?

2. The pastor's salary should include provision for the usual expense of his clothing. Other men can arrange to economize in clothing; when they must go

in the mud, or undertake hard and heating labor they can lay off a coat, or wear the coarser garment. But when the preacher rides through mud or dust to his appointment, or when he undertakes his most heating work,—the preaching,—he must wear his best suit. His clothing, therefore must cost double that of other men.

3. In a country charge, the pastor must have his horse and buggy, so as to reach different preaching points on the same Sabbath, and to visit his people during the week. To him this vehicle is not a luxury, but a necessity to the proper discharge of his duties. In the city, a similar expense is necessarily incurred in the form of car fares.

4. We have considered extra expenses, such as unavoidably attach to the pastor's work. Now for the ordinary expenses of his family—how much would you have him enjoy? Perhaps there is an answer in the suggestion that he ought to have *as much to live on as the other families* of his church. If we will estimate the value of the flour, the meat, the garden vegetables, and milk and butter used on our tables during the year; if we add to this the value of the corn and hay that we use for the horses we ride or drive; and then add the cash (or trade) received for what we sell, we will find out what our income is. And we wish the Lord's servant to have as large a share of the comforts of life as our own families enjoy.

Some time ago, we were talking with a man whose income was not less than five thousand dollars a year. He was asking whom his church might call as pastor, adding the remark: "You know we are a poor church, we ought not to promise a pastor more than about seven hundred dollars a year." And that seven hundred dollars was to include the purchase of his library and the feeding of a horse for pastoral visiting and the maintenance of a buggy for that work; so that it was really a provision of only about five hundred a year for the support of his family. Was it right?

He is a wise preacher who knows when to stop. It is fearfully wearisome to the hearer oftentimes to be compelled to sit and listen to a recapitulation which is half as long as the sermon itself. The story is told of an old Scotch lady living at considerable distance from the parish church and was in the habit of driving over to the service. Her coachman, when he considered the sermon nearly at an end, would slip out quietly for the purpose of having the carriage ready by the time the service was concluded. One Sunday John returned to the church, and after hanging about the door for a considerable time grew impatient, and popping in his head discovered the minister haranguing as hard as ever. Creeping down the aisle toward his mistress he whispered in her ear: "Is he no near done yet?" "Done!" returned the old lady, in a high state of indignation, for her patience had long been exhausted, "he's done half an hour since, but he'll no stop." It is a wiser course to stop short of the "fourthly's" and the "fifthly's" and when you close the Bible, to say, "Let us pray."