

has to do, to do it as it ought to be done, to do it as he desires to do it.

But here we are also taught concerning THE SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY. This also is divinely ordained. As certainly as God has ordained certain men to preach His Gospel, so certainly has he made provision for their support.

We might come to this conclusion from a consideration of the necessities of the case. They who do this work are

MEN NOT ANGELS—

human beings, having the same necessities, limitations, and liberties as their fellows. If, therefore, such beings devote themselves exclusively to this work, it is plain that provision must be made for them. It might have been otherwise. Instead of men, God might have set apart angels to this work. Then, think of it; there would have been no need of collections, or pew-rents, or weekly offerings. There would have been no need of college endowment funds. Home mission, French evangelization and Foreign mission funds would cease to exist. There would be no aged and infirm ministers; no widows and orphans needing our care. There would have been no need to attend so laboriously to the augmentation of stipends. Then the labourers would not have needed a cent. "Ah!" I hear some one say,

HOW GLORIOUS

that would have been! How freely would the Gospel have been preached! How much more heavenly and spiritual! How infinitely superior in every respect to the present condition of things! How much better than this continual dunning of people for money; this eternal cry of 'Give, give, give;' this turning the pulpit into a begging-box! Our hands are never out of our pockets." Stop, sir, stop; I can listen to such talk no longer. Let me ask you a few plain questions in all earnestness. Do you think God is a fool? Do you think He has made a huge mistake in arranging for the preaching of the Gospel by men and not by angels? Better tell Him that to His face; but until you are prepared to do so, better hold your tongue, aye, and let not even your heart harbour for an instant such an