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MAKING MONEY FOR THE LORD.

Preachers and editors of religious magazines tread on delicate ground when they speak or write of money. For some undefinable reason, perhaps because they *handle* so little of that troublesome article, that is a subject about which they are presumed to know but little, and expected to say less. Now, if by "money" is intended the science of currency and banking, or the laws of trade, the objection is a valid one, for these are subjects which very few ministers of the gospel—or cabinet ministers either, some think—know anything about. They neither enter into their theological *curriculum*, nor do they seem to demand attention among the practical themes of their subsequent ministry. But why that should unfit them for setting forth the teaching of Holy Scripture in regard to the *uses* and *responsibilities* of money, is not very apparent. On that point we may, perhaps, be allowed to say a few words.

In our obituary for this month will be found a somewhat lengthy sketch of a very dear, personal friend, who, more than almost any one we have ever known, seemed to have caught the meaning of our Saviour's command, "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness." Consecrating himself in his youth to the service of God, he set out in life with the conviction that he was not his own, and that he was bound to serve the Lord in business, just as truly as the minister in his more spiritual calling. In other words, his talent lying in that direction, he was *to make money for the Lord*, and to use it, after he had made it, "as a good steward." That, of course, involved, as a primary obligation, "providing for his own, and specially for those of his own house," without which he would have denied the faith, and been worse than an unbeliever. But having done that, he no longer sought to "lay up"