

cut a path through the jungle they could hobble along. So is it in the Christian life. Hence the Apostle says: "Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way."

You live before the eyes of all men. Anyone else will be excused for an occasional fault, the pastor never. Better a thousand times that you should leave the manse on a stormy night, without knowing where you were to lay your head, than place a stumbling block in the way of others. The higher the pressure upon you the greater the danger of becoming impatient and irritable. It is altogether within the range of possibility that someone will consider himself divinely appointed to examine you, to see if there be not some wicked way in you. After an exchange with a Methodist minister you are reminded that your brother "preached an admirable sermon, containing the very cream of the Gospel." You begin to feel that your own best, in comparison, is only skim milk. Perhaps he told the truth. Watch lest the unhallowed fire of jealousy begins to smoulder on the altar of your heart. Aim to remove the impression that ministers are actuated by mercenary motives. The horizon of multitudes is bounded by the circumference of the dollar. Unless the love of money is entirely subordinated by you to the love of souls, all hope of reaching modern idolaters perishes.

*Fourthly.* Be content with nothing short of seeing your people united to Christ in a covenant never to be broken. Unless this result is attained, your work in large measure is a failure. A few years ago, a new government steamer was ground to pieces on the rocks, near Digby, with lamentable loss of life. She was provided with anchors and chains for the hour of peril. But the chains were not shackled! When the anchors were let go, every link followed them to the bottom of the deep! See to it that your people are not leaning on you for salvation. Push them off, and aim to have them *shackled* to Christ,—*"bond servants on the Lord Jesus."*

Finally, let a holy enthusiasm fill your hearts. The Apostle Paul's ambition was to present every man perfect before Christ Jesus. Palissy, the Huguenot, impoverished himself in his attempts to produce an enamel equal to that on Italian cups he had seen. In his infatuation he broke up his furniture to gain