

appoint *ourselves* manager of what we have just presented to another. Oh, dear, how illogical we are sometimes. If we were not much more sensible in our dealings with *men*, we would very soon reach a crisis in our career. Man would soon teach us that when we entered into covenant with him, and transferred property to him, it didn't then belong to *both* of us.

How any one can get beyond "Lord, what wilt *Thou* have me to do?" and have much spiritual life, is a problem to us.

It is so easy to make a serious blunder just here, for so skilfully has a switch been laid at this point that one is liable to glide almost imperceptibly off the line of "divine management" on to that other line that seemeth right unto a man, but which passes through the country of self, and makes frequent stops at the stations of uncertainty.

We do not remember to have ever seen the very fine distinction between "Lord, *help* me," and "Lord, *use* me," so nicely brought out as in the article, "How to Work," by Rev. W. H. Haslam, M.A., in the February number of the EXPOSITOR. We wish every Christian on this continent could read it.

How strange it does seem, that any man or body of men should be persecuted and almost ostracised by the Church of God to-day for believing in and professing to be led of God unto all pleasing; should be called heretical and disturbers of the Churches, just for transferring their whole life to be set apart for God, and then avowing confidence that the Holy Ghost makes a success of the work He has undertaken.

We confess the accusation of "infallibility" has a very amusing side. In the first place, we are not aware that any of our accusers, before going into print, have ever approached us to know if their surmises were true. Wouldn't it be scriptural to do so? And might there not be a possibility, if they are spiritual, of restoring us in the spirit of meekness? Then, after their judgment concerning us has appeared in print, does not the recollection of their "fallibility" entitle us to the benefit of a doubt?

Would not the honest admission of a

reverend gentleman we heard preach some little time ago be in order at the close of every attack made upon us? This reverend gentleman, for nearly forty minutes, stormed our supposed position with shot and shell, but just as the fusillade closed which demolished the man of straw, the preacher concluded to be consistent, and said, "This is what I believe concerning the matter, but, as I am not 'infallible,' I may be mistaken, and may change my mind before next Sunday." Now, how nice it would be if all who denounce us would be consistent and put in that little proviso.

So we are told that we make the Holy Ghost responsible for everything. Yes, such is our intention. And ought He not to become responsible for His own property? Surely it would be an *uncommon* kind of common sense that would say *No* to this.

We are sure our administration was marked by a special ability to make things so crooked as to leave no doubt in our mind that a change of responsibility from the human to the divine would, to say the least, be apt to result in an improvement. And we think it would take an enormous amount of courage to say, that whatever God undertakes is not done exactly right.

Oh, but, says one, you claim that you don't make mistakes. Well, we do claim that having committed our way unto the Lord, and continuing in obedience, He leads us and assumes all the difficulty in regard to all the so-called errors and mistakes that may occur. Now the Holy Ghost either leads us right or He don't, and when we undertook to follow him, we never once thought of putting in a proviso that He wasn't to make any mistakes with us. It strikes us that it wouldn't have been complimentary.

Yes, you say, of course *God* will lead us right, but then *we* can't always understand Him, and as a consequence are liable to blunder. Well now, we are not aware that when we entered into covenant with God to lead us, that a clause was inserted making *us* responsible for the proper interpretation of His will concerning us. When God undertakes to lead us, He understands perfectly well