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a great zeal for the Lord, who perhaps takes a little church and begins building it up and doing a fine work for the Lord, and things are moving along nicely, and then I don't hear of him for 2 or 3 yrs. and then I find they have gone into some kind of secular work where they receive a much larger salary, where they have a great many worldly advantages that they did not have in connection with the church that they went into. And I think it is good for us to face these situations and to realize that if we are going to make our lives to count for the Lord, God will make up for ^{us} everything that we give up, God will give us all sorts of blessings, but there are going to be things we are going to miss. And that is particularly hard in America today because the people around us, so many of them, have so much that nobody ~~every~~ dreamed of having 100 yrs. ago. And when you see the people next door or down the ~~the~~ block having all sorts of things that you simply can't afford on a Christian worker's salary, it makes you think of how easily you could have these if you went into some other line of work. And then when you find disaffection in the church, when you find people making petty criticisms, when you find all sorts of things that make you feel like saying, O what's the ~~the~~ use, let's just forget them; think what I could be making in some other kind of work. many many give in to that. Now of course there are those whom the Lord wants to have in other types of work. We had a few years ago. I knew a man who was the Vice ^a ~~President~~ President of the Phila. Electric Co. He was -- I suppose he had a salary as great as any 3 or 4 or any of our faculty members put together. And he had a very important position there in this large corporation. But there were at least 5 nights every week he was speaking in a mission somewhere presenting the Word of God. He was as constant a personal worker as anybody I've ever met. He was not a highly trained man in theology. He probably made mistakes in his theology from time to time, but he accomplished a great deal more for the Lord than a great many Christian workers do in their lives. Now such men are rare. They are few and far between. When somebody says, I'm going to go and earn a lot of money, and I'm going to spend it for the Lord. I'm going to go and I'm going to get a position where I have advantages that I can never have in Christian work, and then I'm going to use them for the Lord's glory, the probability of his actually