

where everyone seems like directly financial help to him. But ordinarily that shouldn't be the case. And with any decent-sized body of Christian people, they certainly should realize that it would be different.

(question) If we were all completely sanctified, there would not be that disadvantage. But it is true that because it would have the effect that you weren't paying enough attention to the work, I don't think there is any question about it. I don't think it is the best way of handling a thing. 'Now, there are some churches which don't take up collections, and which put a little box in the back of the church for the pastor. And then people can put money in as they feel led. One minister of a church, which is a pretty good-sized church now, told me that he started with that basis and he said he always found he had just sufficient there for his expenses. And he said, it took care of them very nicely. He never said anything about anybody contributing for his expenses, they never took up collections, they simply used that method. Now, another minister, who was a very popular minister, whose church was doing a tremendous mission work and having an outreach in many different lines, said to me, if I would put a box in the back of the church, I would get four times my present salary. There is no question about it. And, he said, many phases of the work of the church would suffer. That is, he felt that it was definitely not the best procedure. I think there are circumstances, perhaps, under which it is a good procedure, but this point of church govt. to oversee expenditure of funds, some way should be determined. Is the minister to be on the system where he gets whatever comes in. Is he to be on a system where he has a certain regular stipend which comes from outside., the mission position, or the situation of the one denomination where they are all paid from outside. Or is he to be in a situation where the amount is settled and fixed, in accordance with certain factors, and subject to change when it seems wise. I think that is the situation in most churches, the minister is called and is given the promise of a certain salary. Now, this promise is not absolutely certain, he may prove to be such a terribly poor preacher that no money comes in at all. But usually it is sufficiently under the amount that the church is