

thought that was all - he wouldn't even talk about money. And now he thought they couldn't afford and he in his morning sermon said, "I can't preach here any more . Dr. MacRae says I'm going to have to quit. I'M two months behind in my board bill and I'm just going to have to quit. I can not do this anymore until I get this made up." And they said, "How much is it you owe? How far behind are you in your board bill?". It came to a little over a hundred dollars. They immediately took up a collection and gave him the whole sum to pay it off and bring it right up-to-date. Now they said to him, "How much are your expenses? What could you get along with?" It was costing him then - I forget whether it was \$10.00 or \$16.00 - something like that. It was a lot less than it would be now. Anyway they figured it up and they said, "Well, we'll give you that every Sunday if you'll only stay with us if Dr. MacRae will let you. So they voted

(6.5) Well now he wasn't doing those people a favor in letting them go along month after month, year after year - the fellow sacrificing like this - a wonderful spirit on his part except that it wouldn't be right to let the other fellows pay for his board. But it was a wonderful spirit as far as the church is concerned. But as far as the people are concerned they have a definite responsibility - the Lord has ordained that it is the people's responsibility to pay a reasonable salary to the teaching elder. And if a man has independent means and he doesn't need to take anything from the people, I think for the sake of the man that follows him he should accept the salary/ and then make a contribution to the church. (Student question) Well, that varies from time to time, but it is their responsibility to support him and a man may, under certain circumstances, work and preach but it is his duty to bring the people to a realization of their duty to support the pastor - and even if like Paul - here's Paul, he said, "I want to have this joy of doing it - I'm working. I don't want to take anything from the church." But he made it clear to them so they would know that the others were entitled to it. It is the Lord's provision that the church has an obligation to pay a reasonable salary to the teaching elder. Well, we'll continue there then next Monday.