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Not, equally need the Holy Spirit to keep and lead them, we must also remember that we require special help in undertaking the responsibilities of our position.

We are glad to know that there are many in our meetings on Ministry and Oversight many who earnestly desire to serve the Lord faithfully, and to these we would say: - Do not be discouraged because the work is hard, and the results seem small, or almost as nothing. Be faithful and patient. Be much in prayer for the members of your meetings, and keep on the lookout for opportunities for service, and for avenues by which yourselves and others may labor for the spread of the gospel.

For those who through feeble health, or because they live at a great distance from friends, or are prevented by really unavoidable duties from attending our meetings for worship and discipline, as they gladly would do, we also feel deep sympathy. May the Lord be to you as a sanctuary wherever you are, and may he enable you to unite with us in prayer for the work, and to shine as lights in the world.

But we have had reason to fear that some, even among the members of our meetings on Ministry & Oversight, may be allowing the spirit of indifference, so prevalent in the world about us, to influence them

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to allow unnecessary reasons to interfere with their due attendance on meetings and with their right oversight of the membership. Or, is it possible that any of us should so give way to personal feelings of pride or bitterness, or to a sense of having been wrongly treated, that the work we should be doing is neglected! Dear friends, even the slightest degree of such feeling, if harbored, must injure our own spiritual life, and interfere with the work of the Lord in our meetings. Our responsibility is heavy if any root of bitterness be in our hearts. Not only are we injured ourselves, but our example will influence others, and so the evil we might have prevented will increase. Let none say, "I have so little influence, that what I do, or leave undone, is of no consequence." It is well to have a low estimate of ourselves, but we should not have a false estimate. Let us remember that it is important for every child of the Lord, however weak he may feel himself to be, to be faithful to Christ. He calls us to a life of self-sacrificing love. It is in such a life, and in such a life only, that we can be blessed and become a blessing to others. Even Christ pleased not himself. Let us therefore be tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave us. Let us serve the Lord faithfully, and the Lord will strengthen us.

And now we command