

And then he was immediately almost given a position in a Christian organization in which his particular talents and training could be used and in which he was given great responsibility and had complete personal control over the handling of large sums of money. And then a few years later, I began to hear people who were associated with him ^{Saying} that he was fangeling the accounts here and there and he was failing to report things, and he was living beyond his income and he was taking perhaps as much more in little ways like that as he ~~was~~ what he was being paid, and my feeling was that he was not ready to face those temptations. He should not have been put in a position where he would have been subject to these temptations. I don't know whether he had given in to them or not. I don't know whether there ever was a full investigation made. But my feeling was one of compassion for him, that people had ~~entrusted~~ thrust him into a situation where he had temptations that he had ^{needed} a stronger development of his Christian character in order to be ready to meet. In any Christian organization with which you are connected very long you are going to find there are at least fears that individuals have been making off with money.

Dr. Lathem, the pastor of that great church in Chester, had a treasurer in whom he had utmost confidence who made a way with a ~~10%~~ large amount of the money of the church, and Dr. Lathem became so sensitive to this danger that he introduced a system ~~that~~ where everything everybody gave was to be printed in the publication to be given to all the people, so if you gave 10¢ to the church your name appeared with 10¢ after it. Of course it made stealing impossible because as he said ~~that~~ everybody will naturally look to see if their gifts were mentioned. It made stealing impossible but I think it was going too far in the attempt to handle this. But I think we should be aware of the fact that the Christian is going to have temptations of many kinds, and we are all weak and ~~is~~ fallible and there is sin in the heart of every one of us, and we should try to protect our fellow Christians from being subjected to temptations that they are not ready to bear and we should ourselves avoid getting into positions which