

of law, street and market, villa and slum. There can be no rest for the Church so long as any part of the territory of human life remains in the hands of the enemy.

One of the deepest lessons of the War is this : that Salvation means Service, and that service in such a world as this, always means a cross, and it may be even the supreme sacrifice of life itself.

#### V.—THE CALL TO CONSECRATED SELF-SACRIFICING SERVICE

Lastly, we commend to all our brethren, in the membership, and in the ministry of our Church, the renewed study and the diligent pursuit, of all means and methods, whereby the cause of Christ may be furthered, and the world prepared for the establishment of the Kingdom of God. In one sense there is but one instrument, and that is the Gospel itself ; and there is but one work—preaching Christ. But in the changing conditions of the world at large, and of special localities, there is need for originality and inventiveness in the use of means, and in their proper adjustment. No doubt, those who have seen the War at close quarters will have much to tell us, and new points of view to present ; and for such enlightenment and leadership we eagerly wait. Meantime, there are certain things, which we ought to do, with our utmost endeavor, and with every gift of the Spirit.

(1) We ought to be bearing our personal testimony, and to be seeking to win individuals to the obedience of the faith. We are all guilty of failure in this matter. We have trusted too much to machinery ; or, we have left the duty to some other more gifted persons. In reality, the duty of personal work is inescapable. Our brother is our charge ; and we must seek by every means open to us, to win him for Christ. Not till this is realized, as it has never yet been, can any forward movement in religion be sound and secure.

(2) Ministers and others intrusted with the duty of preaching, must devote themselves anew to this sacred task. "Homiletic" is not a subject finished and done with, in the examination hall. It is to be a life study. In point of fact, it can only be pursued in the actual work of the ministry. The utmost the College can do is mere propaedeutic. Ask thoughtful hearers what a sermon ought to be, if it is to be effective. They will embody in their answer such points as these—(a) It must be Biblical, and contain a sure word of God, gained through painstaking and devout study.