

serving Him mentioned by Paul. "Having then gifts, differing according to the grace given to us, whether (1) prophecy (preaching), let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith, (2) or ministry (lower ministrations of alms, food, etc.), let us wait on our ministering; or he that (3) teacheth (in families, schools or colleges), on teaching; or he that (4) that exhorteth (passing words of cheer, guidance or rebuke—colporteur), on exhortation; or he that (5) giveth (business men, who have as their special gift to keep the machinery of manufacture and commerce going), let him do it with simplicity; he that (6) ruleth (church elders), with diligence; and he that (7) sheweth mercy (visiting the sick and getting homes for ragged children), with cheerfulness." Thus does the great Apostle mete out work to men and women, to every body, so that all need not aspire to the office of "bishop," which is indeed a perilous position to many. We trust, therefore, that when matters are ready, and the call is issued for heroes to mount the breach in the back woods and prairies, with books for bayonets, and gospels for guns, the number wanted will offer themselves from the churches and Christian Associations of Ontario. If not, the conclusion will be forced on people that there is something "rotten in the state of Denmark."

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## Living Preachers.

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### THE GATES OF HELL.

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[In one of the past volumes of the CHRISTIAN MONTHLY the reader will find a sermon by Dr. Talmage, on "*The Gates of Pearl*." It would be a happy thing for us if we had nothing to talk about but gates of pearl. There is, alas! wickedness, "The Gates of Hell" blocking the path to the gates of pearl. On this latter subject we wish our readers to hear what Dr. Talmage has to say after surveying these horrid gates in his midnight explorations in New York. We are aware that many find fault with Dr. Talmage for speaking so plainly on such subjects. Let us hear him in his own defence, and then let us read his sermon before we condemn him:—

"I have as much amusement as any man of my profession can afford to indulge in at any one time in seeing some of the clerical reformers of this day mount their war-