

the condition of Israel in the days of the judges (*sine lege, sine rege, sine terrore*) when there was no king in Israel, but every man did what was right in his own eyes. Painful indications of this alarming fact were furnished last summer in the railway riots of the United States, and are being furnished in Canada by riots in connection with processions, and in connection with the enforcement of laws against the liquor traffic. If a law is manifestly contrary to God's will, such as forbidding men to worship God, or giving alms to the poor, then it is not binding on free citizens; but as long as laws keep clear of this fatal objection, they ought to be obeyed (even though unequal, vexatious and frivolous) till such time as they can be repealed. Sufficient however, on this point are the words of an inspired writer with which we close:—"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him, for the punishment of evil-doers, and the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

## Living Preachers.

### OUR LORD'S PREACHING.

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"The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted."—Isaiah lxi. 1.



OUR Lord's anointing was with a special view to his preaching. Such honour does the Lord of heaven and earth put upon the ministry of the Word that, as one of the old Puritans said, "God had only one Son, and he made a preacher of him." It should greatly encourage the weakest amongst us, who are preachers of righteousness, to think that the Son of God, the blessed and eternal Word, came into this world that he might preach the same glad tidings which we are called to proclaim.