

MONDAY CONFERENCE.—Feb. 7th.
Address by the Rev. Thomas Bennett
of Taylor church. Subject: The
guidance of the Holy Spirit in the
choice of a field of labor.

Inseparably bound up with the
question, "Lord what wilt Thou have
me to do?" is another, viz., where
wilt Thou have me do it?

You have no doubt but that you
are called to the work of the ministry,
no doubt but that, with all heathen-
dom and so much of Christendom
beckoning, there is for you a field;
neither need there be any doubt but
that the Holy Spirit will guide you to
that field without loss of time in field
hunting, unless you need such disci-
pline.

To our prayer, "For Thy name
sake lead me and guide me." He an-
swers, "I will instruct thee and teach
thee in th. way thou shalt go, I will
guide thee with mine eye." And we
shall be safer and happier in the most
trying field into which God guides
than in the brightest of our own
choosing. So Jonah found it.

And Bunyan, could he have been so
happy anywhere else as in Bedford
jail, dreaming out his Pilgrim's Pro-
gress? or John on his barren Patmos
blessed with visions of the New Jeru-
salem?

"Smooth let it be or rough,
It will be still the best."

God will guide by creating in you
through His word and providence
desires for your destined field, and by
giving His people in that field desires
after you in preference to any other

I believe that there is an intimation
in each soul from earliest years, of
destined work; and also, as the time
draws near, of the particular field for
which he has best prepared himself.
As water, so each one will find his
level, and be restless or enjoy only a
brief wayside rest till then.

The spirit of God will awaken in
your soul aspirations or longings, and
at the same time press you forward to
your destined field. And yielding to
the spirit you will there have "fulness
of joy," whether others foolishly pity
or envy you on account of your field.

If you would be guided by the
Spirit in the choice of a field:

1. *Be true to your aspirations the
stirrings of destiny in your own soul.*
No others can know so well as your-
self the purposes of God respecting
you; nor can they know as well as
yourself what are your powers, physi-
cal, mental and spiritual; and fields
do differ in their demands upon one
or all of these qualities.

2. *Look to the heartiness and unani-
mity of the call.* If the field is to be
yours the Spirit of God will make it
known to the people. I have found
that in proportion to the heartiness
and unanimity of the call have been the
joy and success of working the field.

3. *Do not be swayed contrary to
your first impressions* by the advice
of a third party, even though they be
good men. Peter advised the master
against going to Jerusalem, and other
good men would with tears dissuade
Paul from going thither. "The worst of
all vices" "sometimes is advice." Be