

accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God." Let the word of God, *as* the word of God, be your matter, and you will easily then supply the objective element of the positive in preaching.

I have said "finally," but I must add yet one thing more. You must live as you preach, or you will in effect degenerate to preach as you live. A distinguished Presbyterian minister, of the American metropolis, wrote once an article on Sabbath observance which appeared in a Sunday issue of the *New York Tribune*. He was criticized for his act; but, to a friend who told him of this, he said: "I had no idea of my article's appearing on Sunday, or I should not have furnished it. I do not believe in Sunday newspapers. I never take one in on Sunday. I do not do as some do, wait and buy a Sunday newspaper on Monday. I never buy one. Furthermore, I never read one. Finally, I will not have one in my house." That minister could preach on the Sunday newspaper to some effect. He lives accordingly. There would be no lack of the positive tone in his preaching on *that* subject. "*Do* the truth," and you can preach the truth.

From preaching with my own tongue, Divine Providence enjoins me. I shall be glad indeed, and thankful, if, by strengthening even a little my brethren in the ministry to maintain, in matter and in manner, a tenser strain of the positive in preaching, I am permitted still, in a way, to preach with the tongues of others.

III.—THE BEST METHODS FOR GETTING CHURCH MEMBERS TO WORK.

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WHAT is wanted upon this subject is experience. No one man has had all the experience. The best he can do is to give the experience of one man as a pastor or as a layman. Those are man's best methods. In this paper some results are given from the work of a pastor covering twenty years of active service, during which, this now proposed has been a main question of study and of experiment.

It will be wise to attempt some orderly statements.

1. We should carefully define what we wish to do. What is the Church for? There is much work in connection with a Church which is only incidental to its purpose. The purpose of a Church is to do redemptive work; to continue and complete what our Savior begun. The work for which we seek workers is this work of Christ. We are seeking the best modes of promoting all Christian activities; not fairs, suppers, money-raising schemes, Church entertainments—useful as some of these are in their proper place and time—but teaching,