

speed, nearly 20 miles an hour, was so nearly the same as that of any wind except a gale that there was little or no draft upon the more than three-score furnaces. Without draft there was but a low fire; low fires meant low pressure of steam and slow progress. A head wind meant quick, strong drafts; hot fires, high pressure, great speed. But there was another reason. The great ocean is never perfectly still. With even the most placid sky there are the remnants of old storms, and though the waves do not break the swell continues. The result is a very uneven pressure upon the screw, according as it rises to the surface or descends into the water. Speed depends upon even action. A head wind tends to keep the screw at a more equal depth and secures a steady pressure, which more than compensates for the opposition of the waves.

How often our spiritual contests prove that this law of nature holds good in the soul life.

Money Raising.

THE summer vacation is the time when ministers freshen their minds by contact with other minds, revise their methods by learning of the success or failure of other plans.

There is one topic that we would urge upon the thought of those whose eyes read these lines away from their accustomed scenes of work. The attention, not only of the churches, but of the public press, has been very urgently directed to the question of the methods of raising money for church work. Bitter sarcasm and wholesale denunciations have been showered upon church fairs of every kind. It is not necessarily true that all are bad or that those that are not good are equally harmful. The fact is that in some way money must be raised. It is also a fact that what will succeed in one community proves a failure in another. It will

be very helpful if there can be full discussion, personal inquiry and consultation resulting, when the fall and winter work comes on, in the application of methods which will meet the indorsement of all and be in full accord with the spirit of church work.

"If he would spend more time doing his work and less traveling around the country studying methods of work he would accomplish more." This was the comment passed upon a popular secretary of a large Y. M. C. A. by an uneducated but earnest and successful Christian worker living in the same place. Mr. Moody puts the same thought in his terse way: "The only way for a man to learn to swim is to jump in and swim; so the only way to do the work is to do it."

There is a great deal of stress laid in these days, and rightly so, upon the absolute necessity of organization, and organization to many minds means a multiplication of associations, committees, conventions, with officers' records and all the attendant paraphernalia and unlimited opportunity for discussion. Imagine such an idea introduced into the organization of a business house, or of an army. In an organization each part has its own work to do, and does it to the best of its ability. Consultation is good, but action is better—above all steady, consecutive action.

THE following extract from a daily paper carries its own comment. While we do not believe that it represents the habit of any considerable number of ministers, it undoubtedly has too much foundation in fact:

"I am always shocked when I hear people who presumably believe in the existence of hell and the devil, cracking jokes about these subjects. Even the most orthodox clergymen are frequently found among those who can see something amusing in these two tremendous facts, if they be facts. To me this is the most convincing evidence that many Christians who sincerely think that they believe in a literal physical hell and a veritable personal devil really believe nothing of the kind. They have accepted a formula of words about them, without realizing their meaning. Hence their flippancy. I would say to all clergymen especially, who are tempted to tell a good story in which the devil figures, or one in which there are side-splitting allusions to the brimstone of hell. Resist the temptation. If you believe in these things such stories are grossly irreverent. And even if you do not believe in them, it is exceedingly bad taste to cast ridicule on them."