

of the great converting and saving doctrines of the Gospel,—in presenting Christ as the sacrifice for sin, God's free offer of forgiveness for His sake, and the call to repentance and to submission and consecration to service in Christ's kingdom.

(3) Let the spiritual foundation for it be laid in the clearest possible presentation of the work of the Holy Spirit in His relation to the life and work of the Church, and the conditions—of being filled with the knowledge and sense of the mission to be accomplished, and a spirit of readiness to do what the Master requires—on which depend the anointing of the believer by the Spirit with power for service in the Kingdom of God and in the saving of men. Without such foundation of spiritual power nothing of value can be accomplished in our efforts in leading men to Christ.

(4) Let the practical foundation for it be laid in the strongest possible presentation of the work waiting right at hand to be done, and of the present and constant relation of the members of the Church to that work.

By such foundation the way is prepared for permanent progress, but in order that the progress may be permanent and continuous—

IV. Seek to make this condition of things in the Church permanent and continuous. This can be done—

(1) By keeping the great converting and saving truths uppermost in all the preaching in all the year, so subordinating to these everything else, as Christ and the Apostles subordinated everything else to them.

(2) By organizing the Church in all the departments of its activity, to carry on this work of Gospel salvation continuously through the months and years,—so insuring that the proper instruction shall be given to all classes, young and old, and in all church societies of whatever name, regarding the will of Christ and what is to be done; and so keeping up that continuous activity in connection with this teach-

ing that will assuredly prevent the coldness and backsliding that always follow simply emotional excitement in many so-called revivals.

For the purpose of helping pastors in organizing their churches for such continuous work, Mr. W. P. Hall's "Army of the Cross"—noticed in our January number—and the Episcopal Army of the Cross, have been formed.

But if the great work is to be done, the ministry will need—besides and beyond all their best machinery and best efforts—to get into, and keep in, union with the source of all spiritual power, the Holy Spirit of God, by resorting to the Word and to prayer.

The Right Pronunciation.

MANY people have been perplexed over the pronunciation of the *nom de plume* of Rev. Dr. John Watson, Ian Maclaren. Dr. Watson prefaced his readings in Brooklyn by deciding the matter authoritatively. He said: "I would say that if you want to pronounce it like an Englishman you will say I-an, if like a Scotchman, Ee-an, and if like a Highlander, Ee-on."

Is the Seventh Commandment Obsolete?

Is our boasted Christian civilization losing out all sense of the most hideous and corrupting of the breaches of God's commandments? Some late events—notably what occurred recently at an evening dinner party in our great commercial metropolis, and at a similar party in a small city in a neighboring State—would seem to indicate that it is. We protested lately to a reputable business man against the election to the United States Senate of a man who had discredited himself by public and flagrant breaches of the seventh commandment, and were amazed to be told that this should not in his judgment "have the slightest weight in deciding against a man. We did not know how great his temptations in that direction