

## Living Preachers.

### WORK! FOR THE MASTER'S COMING.

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**W** AITH is the work of the mind, and work is the outward sign of faith. Some people talk about dead faith; but if faith is dead it ought to be buried, and so got out of the way. If it is dead it is not the faith of the Gospel, the faith which saves the soul; that true faith must work.

In the fifteenth chapter of John, verses four and five, Christ says, "Abide in Me and I in you; he that abideth in Me and I in him bringeth forth much fruit." A good apple tree cannot help bringing forth apples; it does not have to try to do it; so it is with those who abide in Christ; they continually bring forth fruit. Now abiding does not mean three or four weeks of special service, but 365 days in a year of work for Christ. I hear people saying, "What shall I do now these meetings are about to close? I am afraid I shall go back to my old lukewarm condition." What you want is to abide in Christ, and then you will never go back. If this spirit of revival ever goes out of me I want to die right away; it seems to me that life would not be worth having without it. In the primitive days, we read there were added unto the Church daily such as should be saved, and so it ought to be now. Let me give you a text that will help you about this matter; it is in 1 Timothy, iii. 15: "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." If you are going to abide in Christ you must know something about Him, who he is, and what he is; study His Word, and find out what He has said, for in the next verse we find, "All Scripture is by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Now, along with this, take the 22d verse of the 1st chapter of James, "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only." There has been no lack of hearers in Chicago; attentive hearers too. I have not seen many of you asleep. Now what power there would be in the Church in Chicago if there were as many doers as hearers of the Word. I have a serious charge to make against you. You come to the meetings steadily and listen well, and as soon as