

## APPENDIX.

### HOW TO MAKE THE MINISTRATIONS OF THE CHURCH ATTRACTIVE TO THE MASSES.

The following paper, by the

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was prepared for the Congress, but not read owing to the fact that the writer had to leave before the subject came on:

There is something of ambiguity in the statement of the question which is now before the meeting. At first sight it might seem to refer to what are called "attractive services;" but it was probably intended to cover larger ground than this, and to include whatever work the Church might do, in order to bring the people at large to attend her services, to receive her teaching, to join in her worship, and to live the life which she commends to her children. Regarding the question then as asking how we may get the people at large into our churches and keep them there as intelligent, devout, and hearty worshippers, it will be necessary to refer to some subjects—such as preaching and church music—which have already been discussed at this Congress.

In the first place, however, I should remark that those things which really attract the masses are precisely the things which attract those who are considered their betters. People who belong to what is called the "respectable" classes go to church, generally speaking, as a matter of course; the poorer classes have no "public opinion" requiring them to do so; and so far there is a great difference between them. But the way to interest the rich and poor in divine truth, in Christian worship, in Church work, is precisely the same. It is a mistake to fancy that the poor need a Gospel in any respect different from that which is adapted to the rich, or that a service which is really edifying to the one class is unsuitable for the other; well-educated persons may often be entertained by a service which less cultivated men and women will regard with aversion. I doubt whether they will be edified by it; and perhaps it would be better if in this respect the ladies and gentlemen had the same religious tastes as their humble brothers and sisters.

With regard to the question "attracting" the masses, that is, drawing them in the first place inside our churches, there are two methods,

and only two, which secure visitation of the homes and nest preaching of the Gospel.

I am aware that there is a good deal, namely, what is having a first-rate choir, perform the very best music in style. I have no doubt, in sense, attractive. People go to such performances with a disposition of mind that is of the performance; and in rooms, you could not get, not in this way win to the Church, nor will you. It will be seen, therefore, that "attractive services" as any before us.

The two things which are visiting and should refer to special "parochial missions."

—are sometimes carried out but more commonly—joining parishes at the have been greatly blessed with ordinary prudence filled the reasonable end. Several points may be of votational preparation, a parish or district in which of parishes being united the particular parish that they are engaged in, impressed with a sense should be a thorough every house in the ward held. This should attract, setting forth the affectionately inviting should commence should be continued ment, and day by day is hardly ever any preparation, which engaged in it. A thorough of great learning or earnestly, and directed least be a man who men's hearts, and without doubt that he has a