

1 Cor. xiii: 3, 4. (6) Having a sound mind.—2 Tim. i: 7. Power does not mean eccentricity; it is not in doing strange things. *The power of God is in common sense.* (7) Do the work in God's way.—Acts xxvi: 22, 23; 1 Cor. xv: 10.

Dr. Bonar followed this reading by

showing the "Source of Power," and that there were evidently special times when God's power was more manifestly displayed than at others; and also that God uses some persons more than others in His service.

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LIVING ISSUES FOR PULPIT TREATMENT.

How Can the Masses be Reached With the Gospel?

I have compassion on the multitude.

—JESUS.—Mark viii: 2.

THE question, "How can the masses be reached with the gospel," is one that has perplexed the clergy of all Christian lands; nor has any one yet arrived at an answer to the question which comes near satisfying their brethren and which is free from practical objections. While the writer of this does not claim that the following plan will solve the perplexing question, he is rather confident it will help do it. At least it has been tried by the writer and found inspiring, helpful and eminently successful.

First he tried to form a society of his best church workers, whose object should be to take the city by streets and go from house to house, taking a sort of religious census, finding out who were members of churches, what church, etc.; if not members of any church leave a printed invitation, and ask if it would be agreeable to have the pastor or visiting committee call. This, each week, would be reported to the pastor, who would make a list of the names and see that those persons should have a personal invitation to church. The society was organized with promise. It is still organized. A successful organization is sometimes a good thing, but it will not take the religious census of any city. So this pastor found out and set

about the matter himself. He associated with him a brother minister, and started out to work and kept at it until it was completed; and now both confess that they have not spent four weeks in more profitable work. The results of this work we give in a table below. Thirteen hundred and eighty-six calls were made, and 1,500 printed invitations were distributed, reading as follows:

"All to God's house are welcome;
The rich, the poor, the low, the high;
Let no false excuse keep you away;
Christ calls you; come, to Him draw nigh.
Presented to you by the servants of God,
....."

These pastors had not gone over the city before they began to see good results from their labor and to hear commendations of their work. They visited each saloon of the city, skipped no houses, and gave an invitation to each one found in these places. One saloon-keeper was heard to say the next day after the writer had visited his place of business, "I wish I could sell my place; if I could I would quit the business. That preacher knows I have a soul." This is only a sample of other remarks we heard. After visiting the jail and leaving the invitation to each one there, the next week, one of these pastors received a call from a young man who came to assure him he had received and read the invitation and was now liberated and intended to be a better man. He had served out his time for robbery.