

could I send them a man big enough to fill a chapel? (Laughter.) Many asked me what I meant by it, and I said I had a notion that it was *the duty of the congregation to fill the chapel*—that the minister could not possibly do it; but if they wanted a man around whom a congregation might gather that would fill the chapel, and if they meant going in for filling it, I could find them a young man who would try and do his best to help them, but I always discouraged the notion that it was the minister's duty to fill the chapel. My dear friends, if you, in years to come, have a young man amongst you, do not say to yourselves, 'He is not what old Mr. Toller was.' Do you expect to get a man like Mr. Toller? If you do, you will be mistaken. How can you expect a young fellow just starting to have all the knowledge and experience of a man that has been many years in the service? The proper thing to say is, 'We will think kindly of him, we will speak kindly about him, we will do all we can to encourage him, and to get him a congregation.' If that were done, I have no doubt that many a chapel that is half empty now would soon be filled. Come to the chapel yourself, and tell your friends and acquaintances. Pick out the good bits of what the minister says, and tell your friends. Get your cousin to come, get your friend to come, and soon the house will be filled.

"A minister is, like other men, very subject to depression if things do not go quite right, and a cheerful word, oh—how it will help him! Did you never hear the story about the fireman in Gray's-inn-road? Two years ago there was a fire there, and a fire-escape was put up to the windows. It was a little too short, so that the fireman could scarcely get at one of the windows, and he was about to leave a poor woman to die, for he felt that he could not save her. However, the people below said, 'Let us give him a cheer,' and they shouted 'Hurrah!' Then he thought he must do it, and he managed to rescue the old woman and brought her safe down. 'Ah,' said he 'if they had not given me that cheer I should never have dared to do it, for it was such a desperate thing.' Every now and then a minister has something to do which seems a little beyond his power. Do you pray for him first, and then give him a cheer afterward. (Applause.) That will stir his soul, and he will be sure under God's blessing, to accomplish what he has set his heart upon."

READ THE BIBLE—READ IT ALL.

Dr. Parker, the well-known pastor of the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct, London, having spent a vacation on the Continent, lately gave his impressions and the lessons he had derived from a temporary absence from home. He stated that he was more than ever convinced of the necessity for purely Biblical preaching—the exposition of God's Word in all its scope and simplicity. The following Sunday morning, accordingly, his theme of discourse was the Bible. Having quoted the passages—"Search the Scriptures," "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly," "The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," and remarked on the unity, cohesion and entirety conveyed by the phraseology of these texts, he proceeded:—

THE BIBLE ought to be read right through. It is only then you can know the music, the swell, the cadence, the rapture and sorrow, the triumph and tears, of God's Word. What would you know of your boy's letter, if you were to read the superscription on Monday, to look at the signature on Friday, and read a little in the middle of it three months afterwards? I get tired towards the end of July and I go away to the mountains. I take the Bible with me; I read it *through*, and I feel as if I had never seen the book before. I have spent most of my life in reading and expounding it, yet it seems as if I had never seen it. It is so new, so rich, so varied, the truth flashing from a thousand unexpected and undiscovered points with a light above the brightness of the sun. And that summer reading of the Bible is what I call tuning the instrument.

If anybody does not believe the Bible, he has never read it through; he may have read a little here and there, with general commentaries and criticisms between, but he has not read the whole. Once two men said, "We will disprove the con-