

dykes and let in the sea over their orchards that they might drown out the Spaniards. The German women were not playing at patriotism, when they gave their good ornaments to the government for the expense of the war against Napoleon, and wore instead, ornaments of iron. The Moravian missionary was not playing at missions, when he consented to be sold as a slave that he might be admitted to the West Indies, and might preach to the negroes. But when we look at the work to be done, the hundreds and millions to be evangelized and at the scale of our preparations, we are compelled to realize bitterly that we are "playing at missions." Is it not time that we ceased playing, and began to be in earnest?—*Am. Exchange.*

### PRAYING AND PREACHING.

In their just admiration for our beautiful Liturgy many have within the past twenty-five years exalted the service at the expense of the sermon, and by some it would appear to have been considered a mark of sound Churchmanship to belittle preaching. But both service and sermon are divinely ordained and different functions, and cannot wisely, or justly, be compared with each other. In the former one personality was more or less lost, but in the latter one individual consecrated manhood asserted itself, as man talked to man. Every power and faculty of the body and mind should be enlisted in this holy art. Study of the Scriptures and of human nature, contact with individual sinners and their needs, and constant communion with the Saviour, are indispen-

sable to the effectual preaching of the Gospel.

The clergy should not strive to be orators, nor to preach what might be called eloquence according to the standards of the schools, but having a mission from Christ to men, they should be so full of that, that they could stand up and speak out of the abundance of the heart. Their themes should be the Eternities, God, Heaven, Hell, Penitence, Faith, Regeneration, Conversion and Personal Righteousness, and not candles and colors and shades.—*Bishop Harris.*

### WHAT IS WANTED.

WE assert—and the truth of the assertion very few of the Clergy can be unconscious of—that the only proof of the Church's orthodoxy, or of her superior position as regards the Ministry and Sacraments, which the world can comprehend and appreciate, is the display of a greater evidence of active life, a larger measure of Missionary zeal, a warmer love for the souls of men; and a deeper spirituality among her members, than is shown by any sect or body of Christians around her.

THE bishop of the diocese of Massachusetts, recently held an ordination service in St Matthew's Church Boston, and admitted to the diaconate Mr. Edward A. Rand. The Rev. Mr. Rand was formerly a Congregationalist minister in South Boston and Franklin. He is also known to the public as an author.