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MANLINESS IN PREACHING.

The "popular preacher" should not be set down as, per se, a suspicious character. If there ever was a popular preacher upon earth, both as to his spoken and his published sermons, it was the Son of God.

While discussing with a friend the characteristics of a popular preacher of this city, a remark was made which, we think, gave a clue, in great part, to this popularity.

Men generally prefer to find such characteristics in their preacher. They like to have the preacher come to the point. We believe they would far rather be "pricked in their hearts."

The manly preacher is one who plants himself upon the basis of great, acknowledged truth. He does not come timidly pleading for recognition, either of himself or of his message.

There are possible, may be probable, conditions of peace, which are grievous enough. To gain it we must be compelled to acquiesce in the dismemberment of the nation, and to concede practically the right of secession.

There is a frank and manly way of discussing matters of doubt, showing the confidence of the preacher in their ultimate solution. But the main business of the preacher is, the bold and vigorous presentation of the great principles of the gospel as unquestioned truths.

Manliness in preaching implies directness of address. A great business is in hand between the preacher and his hearers. The sinner is to be convinced of his sin and his danger.

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There is something to be said of manliness in manner. Tenderness is not unmanly. Kind tones, winning gestures, grace, even tears are

far from being necessarily unmanly in the pulpit. But there is one characteristic of manliness which we would like to see more common—that is, looking the hearer directly in the face.

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CITY CHURCHES.

It was our privilege to worship with the Southern Church at their first communion season, in the basement of the new building, 8: E. corner of Twentieth and Pittsford Sts., last Sabbath.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was recently administered by the Session of the NORTH BROAD ST. CHURCH, to a aged person, crippled and bed-ridden for life by accident.

Sabbath before last an encouraging number of additions was made to several of our Churches; to Calvary church on profession, and four on certificate, to Clinton St., seven on profession, and five on certificate, to the Third Church, fifteen on profession, and five on certificate, to the Western Church, five on profession.

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