

## IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZATION.

### The Rev. Mr. Paul Graphically Describes Comments on Homestead's Riot.

The Rev. B. F. Paul, pastor of the Green Street Congregational Church, preached last night on "The Reign of Terror in Pennsylvania." His text was Proverbs xxiv., 22. Mr. Paul began by sketching the affair briefly, after which he said:

"The last week has revealed the importance of organized and intelligent action on this labor question. The people of Homestead had a right to strike for higher wages. Carnegie had a right to refuse to pay the regular scale. This argument looks well on the surface. But look deeper. Our great toiling masses are struggling under a load which is becoming almost unbearable. There are many causes which contribute to this condition of affairs. Foreign emigration swells the ranks of labor and keeps down wages. There is another thing which we should think of. The tariff does not raise wages. Free trade is the same. No matter whether the tariff goes up or down the mighty struggle of the wage-earner for a livelihood goes on. What shall be done? It is the old plebeian and patrician struggle reenacted in Chicago and Pittsburgh. Wealth manifests itself under combines which organize to defraud the purchasing public. Every Austerlitz of unholy ambition will have a Waterloo of retribution.

"The hired assassins of Andrew Carnegie were invaders of the soil of Pennsylvania and the public has borne too long with this private organization called the Pinkerton detectives. It is time to put a stop to it. Today we find want weaving the wool which will never keep it warm. Weariness stitches dainty attire itself half clad. Hunger reaps the grain which it may never feed to its babes. No wonder that there is discontent and strikes. This vast and imperious social problem is unsolved but not unsolvable. Education harmonizes with man's nature and religion makes him courageous for the right. Do not understand me to excuse the acts of unprincipled lawlessness by the Homestead mob. It is without excuse. But the people were enraged and fighting a hated and law-abiding institution. The result was bloodshed. Laboring men should recognize law and obey the same. Dynamite will bring about no reform."