

vince him that the church power in Milton was not properly distributed. The seven largest churches in the place were all on one street, well up in the wealthy residence portion, and not more than two or three blocks apart. Down in the tenement district there was not a single church building, and only one or two weak mission-schools which did not touch the problem of the district at all. The distance from this poor part of the town to the churches was fully a mile, a distance that certainly stood as a geographical obstacle to the church attendance of the neighbourhood, even supposing the people were eager to go to the large churches, which was not at all the fact. Indeed, Phillip soon discovered that the people were indifferent in the matter. The churches on the fashionable street in town meant less than nothing to them. They never would go to them, and there was little hope that anything the pastors or members could do would draw the people that distance to come within church influence. The fact of the matter was the seven churches of different denominations in Milton had no living connection whatever with nearly one-half the population, and that the most needy half, of the place.

The longer Phillip studied the situation, the more un-Christian it looked to him, and the more he longed to change it. He went over the ground again and again very carefully. He talked with the other ministers, and the most advanced Christians in his own church. There was a variety of opinion as to what might be done, but no one was ready for the radical move which Phillip advocated when he came to speak on the subject the first Sunday of the month.

The first Sunday was beginning

to be more or less dreaded or anticipated by Calvary Church people. They were learning to expect something radical, sweeping, almost revolutionary in Phillip's utterances on Christ and Modern Society. Some agreed with him as far as he had gone. Very many had been hurt at his plainness of speech. This was especially true of the property owners and the fashionable part of Phillip's membership. Yet there was a fascination about Phillip's preaching that prevented, so far, any very serious outbreak or dissension in the church. Phillip was a recognized leader. In his presentation of the truth he was large-minded. He had the faculty of holding men's respect. There was no mistaking the situation, however. Mr. Winter, with others, was working against him. Phillip was vaguely conscious of much that did not develop into open, apparent fact. Nevertheless, when he came up on the first Sunday of the next month he found an audience that crowded the church to the doors, and in the audience were scattered numbers of men from the workingmen's district with whom Phillip had talked while down there. It was, as before, an inspiring congregation, and Phillip faced it feeling sure in his heart that he had a great subject to unfold, and a message to deliver to the Church of Christ such as he could not but believe. Christ would most certainly present if he were visibly present in Milton.

He began by describing the exact condition of affairs in Milton. To assist this description he had brought with him into the church his map of the town.

"Look now," he said, pointing out the different localities, "at B. Street where we now are. Here are seven of the largest churches of the place on this street. The entire distance between the first of