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The recent mention of Dr. Smith's name in connection with the vacancy at Knox Church, Calgary, was not necessary to bring him into prominence in Vancouver, as during the past sixteen months he has become well-known through his work as minister of that large west end congregation. Dr. Smith cannot be accused of preaching any objectionable "new theology," but still less can it be fairly said that he fails to apply Christianity to the needs of the day and hour. His summing up of the present situation, when he closed the discussion on the subject of "The Relation of the Church to Capital and Labour," revealed him as an earnest student of social and economic questions, and a fearless advocate of the "square deal" to all concerned.

The minister of St. John's is a speaker of the type whose delivery at times suggests that more concern is given to the thought than to the form of expression. He speaks with fluency and conviction, and without apparent effort. But if it be true that "easy reading is hard writing," it can no doubt also be said that much

study and careful preparation precede the sequence of ordered thought to which such preachers and teachers give utterance.

As an expositor of Christian truth, and a force for righteousness, Dr. Smith is likely to make his influence felt more and more throughout the years, not merely in the religious life of the denomination with which he is connected, but in the social and moral, civic and provincial life of British Columbia.

TEACH ME TO LIVE

Teach me to live! 'Tis easier far to die,
Gently and silently to pass away;
On earth's' long night to close the heavy eye,
And waken in the glorious realm of day.

Teach me that harder lesson—how to live,
To serve Thee in the darkest paths of life;
Arm me to conflict now, fresh vigor give,
And make me more than conqueror in the strife.