

Speaking of personal influence he said: "Why should God not influence us? We influence each other."

"Speak to Him, for He heareth,
And spirit with spirit can meet;
Closer is He than breathing,
And nearer than hands or feet."

Then Dr. Milligan spoke of the evidences of Christianity being got, not in Paley's book, but by prayer, and as he proceeded the humour of the man kept breaking out in various ways, such as in his use of a peculiarly expressive Scottish word, which he could not stay to explain, but which meant more than "disgusted."

The Salvation Army was paid a due tribute by the way, and there after he spoke, as only great personalities can, of the sacredness of motherhood.

"The Father's house—this world of ours—and the many resting places"—the Christian men and women who are raised up to be stewards of blessing through Christ, to their fellowmen."

Bunyan in Bedford jail, Luther and his lot, Samuel Rutherford and his story—"I went with fear and trembling to Aberdeen Jail, but found it Christ's Palace." Sir Walter Raleigh's words: "Myself to me a kingdom is," and other illustrations from the lives of by-gone heroes were introduced, and all alike were shown to emphasize the truth that "All things work together for good."

The reference to Herbert Spencer that followed, and to the young man who had "looked upon religion as a bogle of the nursery," were worth bearing in mind. "He is getting to be an old man now, and I can see in his very face that he is afraid to die." "How are YOU feeling as you are getting older? Are you hopeless, are you timid, are you singing "I dare not die?"

After mentioning the various avenues and ends of man's earthly ambition, the great preacher, referring to the inevitable close, quoted, with heart-touching fitness from Whittier's beautiful verses, the lines:

Suffice it if my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace,
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place."

Here indeed, one felt, is a man with a message; a creator for human beings of heart-searching, mind-enlightening, spirit-stirring times. Every age, every country, every province, every city, every church needs such men. May he, and such as he be, be spared long, and may their number increase!