

own Christian growth ! At present we go to church and listen to a good choir, we listen to preaching, we go home again, we have a pleasant Sunday-school, we are all comfortable and well-clothed here and enjoy our services, we are not disturbed by the sight of disagreeable or uncongenial people. But is that Christianity ? Where do the service and the self-denial and the working for men's souls come in ? Ah, my dear brothers and sisters, what is this church really doing for the salvation of men in this place ? Is it Christianity merely to have a comfortable church and go to it once or twice a week to enjoy nice music and listen to preaching, and then go home to a good dinner ? What have we sacrificed ? What have we denied ourselves ? What have we done to show the poor or the sinful that we care anything for their souls, or that Christianity is anything but a comfortable, select religion for those who can afford the good things of the world ? What has the Church in Milton done to make the workingman here feel that it is an institution that throbs with the brotherhood of man ? And what do we know as a church of the problems that face the tenement-dwellers and the wage-earners ?

"But suppose we actually move our church down there and then go there ourselves week-days and Sundays to work for the uplifting of immortal beings. Shall we not then have the satisfaction of knowing that we are at least trying to do something more than enjoy our church all by ourselves ? Shall we not be able to hope that we have at least attempted to obey the spirit of our sacrificing Lord, who commanded His disciples to go and make disciples of the nations ? It seems to me that the plan I propose is a Christian plan. If the churches in this neighbour-

hood were not so numerous, if the circumstances were different, it might not be wise or necessary to do what I propose. But as the facts are, I solemnly believe that this church has an opportunity before it to show Milton and the other churches and the world that it is willing to do an unusual thing if it has within it the spirit of complete willingness to reach and lift up mankind in the way that will do it best and most speedily.

"I do not expect the church to act on my plan without due deliberation. I have arrived at my own conclusions after carefully going over the entire ground. And in the sight of all the need and degradation of the people, and in the light of all that Christ has made clear to be our duty as His disciples, there is but one path open to us. If we neglect to follow Him as He beckons us, I believe we shall neglect the one opportunity of Calvary Church to put itself in the position of the true Church of the crucified Lamb of God, who did not please Himself, who came to minister to others, who would certainly approve of any steps His Church on earth in this age might honestly take to reach men and love them and become to them the helper and saviour and life-giver which the great Head of the Church truly intended we should be. I leave this plan which I have proposed before you, for your Christian thought and prayer. And may the Holy Spirit guide us all into all the truth. Amen."

If Phillip had deliberately planned to create a sensation, he could not have done anything more radical to bring it about. If he had stood on the platform and fired a gun into the audience it would not have startled the members of Calvary Church more than this calm proposal to them that they move their church building a