

A Teacher for the Times.

A Vancouver Man's Impression of Rev. Dr. Milligan of Toronto, and His Message.

The building was crowded and one wondered if, of the hundreds of auditors who heard him, many could still let their days on earth pass with the same measure of carelessness regarding higher life, as before. Could we still become engrossed in the transient and uncertain to the too obvious exclusion of the upbuilding, by deliberate surrender to the Christ-spirit, of the Selfhood given to us? After such a message surely life could not well be the same again, for this irresistible interpreter "justified the ways of God to man."

He spoke on a great chapter, and a great subject: one of the most outstanding chapters in the Bible—perhaps to many the most outstanding and the most dear by sacred home associations of mother-life and mother-lips—the chapter beginning: "Let not your heart be troubled." But it was the "many mansions," the "resting places," on which he particularly founded. Had we thought of it before, "Resting places?" But what a wealth of meaning he read in and around the sentence. What literary gems, what phrases, homely, yet apt, and such as only a real master in address can use effectively with any audience, and most of all with a West-end one. No, of course, none of us wish or mean to be exclusive, and we would resent the implication; but is not human nature always in danger of becoming "classy" in lands and houses and coaches and cars, just as it becomes rich not in life, but in its trappings? Have we not all the same tendencies and temptations to face and fight in one degree or in another?

First, there was a great solo by a gifted singer, impressing the lesson that life here is but a day at a time. Let the echo remain—"Just for to-day!"

Historical and biographical references were plentiful in the address, but all were brought to bear aptly on the subject under review.

What of "spiritualized selfhood?" Who in that congregation did not get more light on the re-incarnated Christ?—one of the recurring "obstinate questionings" to men and women who are satisfied that the Seen and the Material (as we call them) form but the garment of the soul and the veil between us and the unvanishing heavenly vision. "And so He has to incarnate Himself anew—to enter into us by His spirit and give us a new personality." At the Reformation, said Dr. Milligan, some had put the Bible in place of the Pope, as the Head of the Church; but therein they had erred; they should have said "the Holy Spirit." To the seeking soul that statement of the teacher must