

the Christian church. The philosophers of Greece and Rome taught about fine ethics and fine morality, and justice and righteousness. But they did little to make these effective. The improvement of character which resulted from the Christian doctrine is the thing which has brought about all ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ true advances in the field of social betterment.

There is a book which I think is well worth the acquaintance of everyone of us, written by John Wesley ~~xxxxxx~~ Gready, It was published in England when the title England Before and after Wesley. An abridged edition has appeared in this country ~~xxxxxx~~ with a different title. But what Gready has done in this book is to show the conditions of England before the Wesleyan revival. To show the low moral conditions, to show the slavery which was there, to show the English engaged in the ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>terrible</sup> slave trade, to show the bad conditions in so many ways. And then to describe the activity of Wesley and his men, ~~xxxx~~ as they went about England preaching salvation through Christ, and calling upon people to give up their sin and come to Christ as Saviour.

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That ~~xx~~ century

~~They~~ took a greater step forward in social improvement and betterment of human life in England than any other century in its history. And it was the result inevitably of the improvement of character by the preaching, not only of Wesley and of his Methodist followers, but the great impetus given to the revival and improvement of spiritual life in all denominations. As a result of the activity of Wesley and his followers. The Christian Gospel is the greatest force for social improvement in the world. It improves character, and when you get men of good character, they are anxious to have justice and righteousness for their friends, and ~~they~~ this is a greater force than any legislative force that could ever be made for the improvement of social conditions, or for the betterment of a nation.

I was interested, ~~x~~ once, when I was in college, to attend a YMCA conference in Longbeach, California. And at this conference we had a speaker who was a preacher in a big church in a university area, near the University