

The Bible, and Torrey's How To Lead Men To Christ. And I studied those two books for two months, and ~~he~~ in my early days that was what I preached. But then I read some books on the higher criticism and I saw that my ideas had been wrong, and I changed them." And he had been a Methodist preacher in Australia, and he ~~was~~ was put out of the Methodist church, where he was preaching, there, and came to this country and ~~became a great~~ became a great Congregational preacher in this country.

But he said to me, "When the man was converted who became the great missionary to Africa, who had such tremendous influence there, I was preaching the most old-fashioned type of an orthodox gospel you can think of, and believing every word of it. When the man was converted who went into the Australian parliament and became a great worker for the improvement of social conditions, I was preaching exactly the same gospel as when the other man was converted. But, ~~he~~ at that time my mind was filled with doubts, and I was wondering whether there was any truth to the words that I was saying." ~~xxxxix~~

I was ~~a~~ very interested. That this man who had been preaching, had been preaching for twenty or twenty-five years on social righteousness and improvement of human conditions when I thought that the two great accomplishments of his life were the reaching of these two men, and what he reached them with was the old-fashioned Gospel. And it is ~~a~~ the greatest force for social betterment, and the improvement of human character~~s~~. And when you ~~ix~~ liberate human character from the shackles of Satan, and set them free to study the ethical principles of the Bible, and to attempt to apply~~l~~ them in their lives ~~and~~ and in their relationships to others, you have unleashed the greatest force for true social improvement that can possibly be unleashed.

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It would be ~~xx~~ very interesting if one were to go through the various social improvement steps in the United States in the ~~ix~~ last century, or century and a half, and to see in connection with each ~~xxxx~~ one of those steps, which we might nearly all of us recognize, as being true steps forward, just how much of the impetus, the cause, was due to the activity of the preachers