

into subjection to his will. Then, in that struggle, the Puritans seemed to triumph, and by 1650, the Puritans had completely triumphed. Charles I was dead, his son had been exiled with his Roman Catholic mother, and in England the Puritans had completely triumphed, but now the tragedy began to develop. They could not agree among themselves, and each ~~group~~ group felt that England should be administered according to their understanding down to the minutest detail, and here were all these groups ~~not~~ agreeing on the great central teachings of the Bible, agreeing on the importance of ~~spreading the~~ spreading the knowledge of salvation through Christ, of getting people to study the Bible for themselves, agreeing on all these great points, but each group felt that they must have complete control over the religious life of England- and to some extent over the political life, and they could not agree among themselves, and Oliver Cromwell, whose military genius had given them the victory, found it necessary, in order to preserve stability at all, to make himself dictate^{ly} much against his desires. But for a period of about ten years, ~~the~~ England was ~~in~~ under military control, a control which maintained law and order, but left absolute religious freedom, and during this time Baxter went to Kidderminster and performed that great Gospel work, turning that town which had been a place of riotous living, and of very low morals, into a very show place of fine Christian ~~living~~ living. He made a tremendous change, not only in that place, but the whole community around, although he did not interfere with the ~~the~~ established rector of the church who~~re~~ received the income and went on living there, but ~~having~~ having nothing to do, Baxter did the Christian work in the area, and carried on a tremendous work, not only in the local area, but among