

social injustice, or even slavery itself. Yet the effect of the preaching of the Gospel was to humanize the heart of the slaveholder, & to Christianize the attitude of the slave, and to cause both, if they had accepted Christ as Saviour, & to look upon one another as brothers, and in time to see the folly of the institution of slavery. At last the imperial throne itself was affected, and the whole fabric of government was changed, as converted individuals sought to apply truly Christian principles to their personal relationships. The Historic Christian Faith was the dynamite which struck at the very root of the corrupt practices, and wicked organization of the Roman world. No social planning the world has ever seen has accomplished anything like as much for the betterment of humanity as the changed character brought about by the preaching of the Gospel.

I wish that every one of you might read the book by Dr. J. W. Bready entitled, England Before And After Wesley. This book graphically depicts the desperate conditions to which English social life had fallen at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Wesley came preaching salvation through Christ, and urging people of all classes to accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord. None of his effort was directed toward $\frac{1}{2}$ reform of the social order. Yet, the result of his preaching, as Bready so vividly proves, was that England took the greatest step forward in the improvement of social conditions that has ever occurred in its history.

When men are willing and anxious to present the message of personal salvation through Christ, and when this presentation is not forcibly prevented, these are the effects which come. Look at the progress which was made in the countries of northern Europe since the Reformation, and contrast the comparative backwardness of the countries