

of the social gospel and of the modrnist, and how much ~~mixix~~ of it was the result of men whose ~~psixix~~ spirits were stirred by the great evangelists and the great forces for the spread of Christianity in this country. And I think that you would find, as you worked it out, that just as Wesley's activity led to the greatest step forward in social life in England, that you would ~~ifndixkaxk~~ find that the largest amount of our social improvement, true social improvement, is brought about ~~x~~ by men whose lives ~~hax~~ have been touched by the Christian Gospel, and improved by the attachment to the Bible.

Well, so much, then, for this third point. Now, number four, the New Testament uniformly speaks of Christians ~~amix~~ as strangers and pilgrims. Their home is not here, but they seek a country. Now this is a very interesting thing. We notice that the Christian church is the greatest force for social betterment in the world, but I do not think that we are right in urging people to support the Christian church on this ground. We must support it because it is God's truth, and this is a by-product. The Christian church is here to carry out the commands of God, and as we pass along the way we do ~~we~~ everything we can to make the path better for others. And we will make conditions better ~~rightxexixk~~ round about us. The Scripture does not present us as people who are here to ~~estab~~ establish the kingdom of God here, but as pilgrims and strangers who are passing through. ' Heb. 11, that great statement of the great ~~heroxixix~~ heroes of ~~fix~~ faith of the Old Testament, has a passage in verses 13 to 15 which is very interesting in this direction. He speaks, here, of the Israelites, in the kigdom God established there, and he says of them, "these all died in the faith not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off. And were presuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were ~~str~~ strangers and ~~pilgrims~~ pilgrims on the earth, for they could say such things declared plainly that they ~~msk~~ seek a country, and truly if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have ~~had~~ had opportunity to returned but now they desire a better country, that is in Heaven, where ~~God~~ God is not ashamed to be held their God, for He hath prepared for them a