LIBERAL CHRISTIANITY

G. C. CRESSEY SPEAKS OF ITS BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE.

Record of Emancipation From Superstition, Bigotry and Religious and Political Bondage.

At the Unitarian Church yesterday morning Rev. George Croswell Cressey. D. D., preached on the topic, "What Lib-eral Christianity Has Done for the Church and the World." Taking as the text "The truth shall make you free." John vill:22, Dr. Cressey spoke in part as

"To speak exhaustively of what liberal Curistianity has done for the world would be to give a record of emancipation from superstition, bigotry, religious and, to no small extent, political bondage. It has revealed the true personality of Jesus, the real breadth of his teachings and the catholists of his teachings. catholicity of his spirit; it has winnowed truth from error in the dogmas of the past, demonstrated the harmony of essential Christianity with all genuinely scientific truth this christianty with an genuiner scientific truth, and rescued the claims of the church from the limbo of absurdity. It would be interesting to trace the influence of prominent Unitarians upon the Church of the research. No divine of the ence of prominent Unitarians upon the thought of the present. No divine of the last century exerted a theological influence so wide and pervasive as William B. Channing, his works having been trans-lated into many languages; Parker alone with his enthusiasm for truth and freedom is, in this respect, his rival. I have been connected in various ways with three divinity schools of the Congregational Trinitarian denomination, and I can affirm from experience and observation, while as yet I had no personal interest in Unitarianism, that no author could approach Emerson in his effect upon the minds of the students. The power of Marthesu, the greatest religious philosopher of our time, has been two-fold-he has exposed with remorseless logic the errors of the church, and, at the same time and with equal success, laid bare the shallowness and defective generalizations of the religious iconoclast and the blatant apos-tle of pseudo-science. "I was asked a few years ago to read a

I was asked a few years ago to read a sermon of a popular preacher of the so-called orthodox church, whose preaching was certainly a fountain of great good in that community, the request being made on the ground that the discourse contained new and original truth concerning Christianity. I acceded with precisely the result I had anticipated; the excellent thought was that of Unitarianism 50 years ago concerning inspiration.

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"My aim this morning, however, must be very limited, viz., to mention a few of the many direct beneats which liberal Christianity under whatever name it may be found, especially as a system of thought, has brought to the world.

"It has given to America our best literature, all of our great poets, Longfellow, Bryant, Lowell, Holmes, Emerson and Whittler (Unitarian Quaker); and the true poet is the seer, the greatest of all prophets. Whether we say that liberal thought inspires the poet or that poetic prophets. Whether we say that liberal thought inspires the poet or that poetic gentus leads to liberal thought is immaterial; the two go hand in hand, not only with us but in general everywhere. Milton was accused of heresy, also Watts, the prolife hymn-writer; what the special heresy was (in these instances it concerned the doctrine of the trinity) it does not signify. Postic genius, prophetic insight, the vision of the profound seer, are incompatible with arbitrary documents.

signi, the vision of the profound seer, are incompatible with arbitrary dogma, eccle-slastical limitation and final revelation.

"In another aspect of the subject, how full of meaning it is that the people of the South are to this day instinctively hostile to the very name Unitarian. This hostility is the traditional recognition of the fact that the preminent abolitionists of 50 years ago were almost extractions. of 50 years ago were almost entirely of the liberal faith. While others labored largely for extension of creed and church (an end in Itself laudable), they labored for the Nation and for humanity. Of similar spirit and in the same general field of labor in the Old World were Mazzini, Kossuth and Castelar, all adherents of liberal Christianity.

the impenetrable thicket of human tenses, and to restore the simple ethical and spiritual teachings of the Son of Man.

"The chief indictment against us ought to be our dectrine of human nature, or rejection of the doctrine of human nature, or rejection of the doctrine of total depravity, for this is the logical corner-stone of so-called orthodox Christianity; but the doctrine is not held in extraordinary reverence today even by its professed believers, and the primal accusation is that we hold Jesus to be a "mere man." This is the shibbeleth of attack. But there is no such thing philosophically or religiously as a "mere" man. If there were, philosophically or religiously as a "mere" man. If there were, philosophy would have lost its foundation, and religion its object and purpose. What man potentially is, what he may and will be in the future, what he might be in the present, is the insuration of poet, prophet and preacher; it is the keynote of the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creation and of the melody of human progress. To emphasize the harmony of creations of truth which have chorus.

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Dr. House preached in Dr. Kantner's Assaulted and the very realm of the war received so favorable in proteins of truth, who are preached in the preaching to design church yesterday, and this evening he will present one of the illustrated was received so favorable in proteins. The profound interest manifested in the life and teachings of Jesus in our era erises directly from thought of him not as a supernatural being, but as a representative of humanity, as one life winto currely some thought of him not as a supernatural being, but as a representative of humanity, as one life winto currely some thought of him not as a supernatural being, but as a representative of humanity, as one life winto currely some thought of him not as a supernatural being, but as a representative of humanity, as one life winto currely some thought of him not as a supernatural being, but as a representative of humanity, as one life winto currely some the liberal christianity has reduce the liberal christianity has reduced the liberal christianity. It is said, Mr. Murphy.

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The Thomas Dillon wanted to Go Humanity and proposed to exchange will night with the was received upon a charge sick at home w as infallible and inervent in all its parts or totally rejecting it? What would be the verdict of the intellectual, even of the intelligent world? Nothing has so tended to maintain the influence and numbers of the church as the tacit recog-nition that truth is its own authority, that one may and must accept only that which commends itself by reason and ex-perience, producing naturally a certain clasticity of creedal requirement in ad-mission of members.

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The principle of reason and conscience as final authority finds singular confirmation, indeed, in modern treatment of the Bible. Men accept what they feel to be true or wish to accept, explaining away or ignoring other parts.

The higher criticism, a most important achievement of liberal Christianity, has determined largely what books of the Old and New Testaments may be regarded as authentic; but authenticity does not prove the truth of the content. This must be decided in matters of history and material knowledge, by the proper criteria, in matters of a moral and spiritual nature, by the verdict of the enlightened reason and conscience of humanity.

"All recognize that the laboring classes of today are allemated from the church as an institution. Is it because they are es-

sentially irreligious, or do not think for themselves? Quite the reverse. They do not believe the traditional creed of Christiendom, perceiving in addition that churches often do not preach their own written beliefa, a state of things which does not serve to enhance the ethical status of the pulpit. On the other hand hundreds and thousands of persons are supporting churches, in spite of their creeds, simply because they believe them to stand in general for religion and morality.

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"I might discuss the topic philosophically of trace in detail the influence of rational religion in literature and on life, or analyze certain subtle motives of the human constitution; but after all the story is told in the inevitable replies to the simple questions, What would be the attendance at church services, the nature of church constituencies, were the creed of rigid orthodoxy for which they stand preached without evasion, addition or dilution; how many communicants among the honest and intelligent would be found, were literal, personal subscription required to all its cardinal dectrines, total depravity, a personal trinity, vicarious

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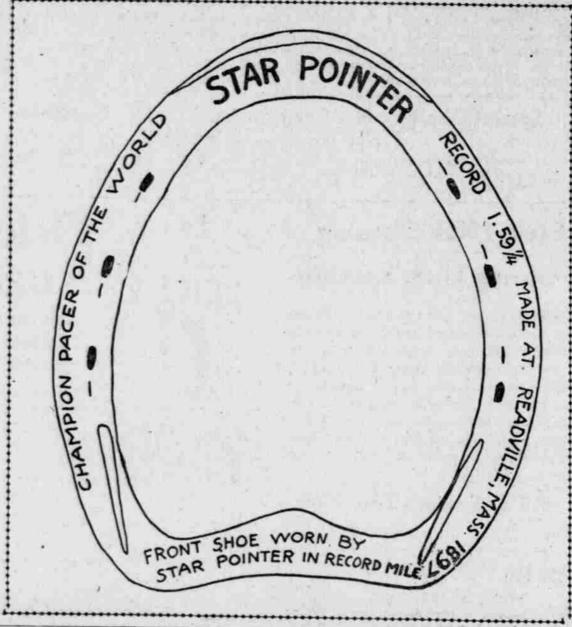
the young hoodlum in a broken voice, but still the captain wept not.

"I'll be here," said the youth in an carnest voice as he saw his watch going toward the large safe.

"This will be here when you come," said the captain, waving the watch in the air, nor did his voice tremble as he spoke.

Denounced It as Gross Favoritism to National Banks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March & Senator Turner, of Washington, was one of the Senators who



PORTLAND, March 8.—(To the Editor.)
—In regard to opening or closing the Fair on the first day of the week, it must be remembered that there are a great many people who are not religiously inclined, and who would not attend religious service if the Fair were not open. They have come from a distance only to see the Fair and are at heavy expense.

Dillen pleaded and told of a happy home. see the Fair and are at heavy expense, and can only stay a few days, and while in the city are liable to be drawn into the many haunts of vice. Those who are religious may show their

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chinatown. What have you got to give me to warrant your appearance in court tomorrow?"

Dillen pleaded and told of a happy home that would be blighted, but the captain shed never a tear. Finally the heart of the Chinese interpreter was moved to pity and he suggested to the complaining Chink that it might be as well not to pash the prosecution. No, sir, this Chinaman would listen to nothing of the kind. He had not understood the hard lock story and viewed the boy, not as the only solace of a sick mother, but as the American kid with puglistic inclinations. "He hit me. Me tell Judge tomoloh, protested the Celestial, who had gone that he now understood the workings of the court of justice much better than the boy he accused.

"What have you got to guarantee your appearance in court?" asked the captain again addressing the boy.

After fumbling about his pockets for a time Dillon produced a handsome gold watch, on the back of which was engraved his initials.

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