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trious, and respectable who are not good Christians. I know to the contrary.

But, however good and respectable they may be, they would be of a higher type of manhood if they were Christians. And this I assert without hesitation, that an infallible way of making men sober, industrious, and respectable, is to make Christianity a vital force in their lives.

CONCLUSION.

In what I have said about certain theories, I have spoken with a certain amount of diffidence, for they are deep and difficult matters.

But even in these, I have drawn largely from personal experience.

But what I have said respecting *Christianity* and its working, I have said without reservation.

I have taken part at various times, and in various places, both on this side of the Atlantic and the other; in works of which the inspiring motive, and all the subordinate means employed were Christian: and I have to say that these have never in any single instance failed to uplift the temporal, and social condition of those who were affected by them.

Leaving out of sight altogether, spiritual results, I say that Christianity when applied to the degraded poor, has invariably lifted them out of their degradation: and put them into circumstances of decency, order and comfort, when its operations were continued for a sufficient length of time.

Without saying one word about dirty homes, filthy