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of eternal life. We believe
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resented, whose love he unfolded; and therefore we are
Christians. We believe that Jesus Christ came on a
special mission to our world — to instruct the ignorant, to
save the sinful, and to give assurance of immortality to
those who were subject to death; that such a Teacher
and Redeemer was needed; that he spake as never man
spoke, lived as never man lived, and died as never man
died. We read the history of his life with mingled ad-
miration and gratitude. We are moved by his cross to
exercises of faith, penitence and hope. We rejoice in his
resurrection, and celebrate him as Head of his Church,
the authoritative Expounder of the Divine will, the fault-
less Pattern of the Christian character, the Manifestation
and Pledge of the true life. We believe that man is a
free and responsible being, capable of rising to successive
heights of virtue, or of falling into deeper and deeper
degradation; that sin is his ruin, and faith in spiritual
and eternal realities the means of his salvation; that if
he sin, it is through choice or negligence, but that in
working out his own salvation he needs the Divine assis-
tance. We believe that man, in his individual person, is
from early childhood, through the force of appetite, the
disadvantage of ignorance and the strength of tempta-
tion, liable to moral corruption; that social life is in many
of its forms artificial, and in many of its influences inju-
rious; and that both the individual and society must be
regenerated by the action of Christian truth. We be-
lieve that all life, private and public, all human powers
and relations, all thought, feeling, and activity, should be
brought under the control of religious principle, and be
pervaded by Christian sentiment. We believe that piety
is the only sure foundation of morality, and morality the