

the influence of Christianity, this horrible curse, this gigantic evil, this foul travesty on the religion of the "Prince of Peace," will go down into the bottomless pit of eternal oblivion unwept, unhonoured and unsung. May God hasten the day.

We also see the humanizing power of the Gospel in the prison reforms that have been inaugurated. Degrading and unnecessary punishments are now abolished, and imprisonment is largely reformatory rather than punitive. Prisoners are now graded, libraries have been introduced, and religious services are held in all our prisons. How has all this come to pass? There is but one answer. The Spirit of Jesus Christ working in and through men of faith has done the work. The greatest prison reformer in this century was Howard, a man of the deepest piety, who on his death bed was heard to pray "Do thou O Lord visit the poor prisoners and captives, and manifest thy strength in my weak efforts." But we have not yet attained the goal even in this matter of punishment. Capital punishment, where the law commits one murder to offset another is, I believe, contrary to the Spirit of Christ. This Gospel which has brought equality to all men in the eyes of law, which has broken the chain and set the captive free, which has humanized war, and softened the hard lot of the prisoner; this Gospel of Christ which is drawing all men together with the bands of love, and is teaching us the great value of the individual life, will blot out this awful custom of launching a man, made in the image of God, from the scaffold with with a rope around his neck, into a dark and Christless Eternity. "And what more shall I say: for the time would fail me to tell of," the Hospitals, the Insane Asylums, the Homes, the Reformatories, the Schools, the Colleges, the Literature, the Art, the Heroism, the Sacrifice, the Patience, the Love, the Hope, all of which have come from faith in God through Jesus Christ. Shall we apply this law of love to commercial life also? The religion of Jesus Christ has done great things even here of which we are glad. It has placed restrictions upon robbery, and has brought much sympathy into man's dealings with his fellow. And yet while all this is