

**CIVILIZATION BEFORE AND AFTER
CHRISTIANITY: TWO LECTURES
DELIVERED IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
AT THE TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE,
JANUARY 23D-30TH, 1872**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649358229

Civilization Before and After Christianity: Two Lectures Delivered in St. Paul's Cathedral, at the tuesday evening service, January 23d-30th, 1872 by R. W. Church

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

R. W. CHURCH

**CIVILIZATION BEFORE AND AFTER
CHRISTIANITY: TWO LECTURES
DELIVERED IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
AT THE TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE,
JANUARY 23D-30TH, 1872**

Church, R. W.

CIVILIZATION

BEFORE AND AFTER CHRISTIANITY.

TWO LECTURES DELIVERED IN
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
AT THE TUESDAY EVENING SERVICES,
January 23d & 30th, 1872.

BY
R. W. CHURCH, M.A.,
DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S.

London:
MACMILLAN & CO.
1872.

Price One Shilling.

the first of these was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The second was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The third was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The fourth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The fifth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The sixth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The seventh was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The eighth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The ninth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The tenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The eleventh was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The twelfth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The thirteenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The fourteenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The fifteenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The sixteenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The seventeenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The eighteenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

The nineteenth was the discovery of gold in California in 1848.

CIVILIZATION

BEFORE AND AFTER CHRISTIANITY.

jects of interest and importance which are often assumed to be out of place in the pulpit. The first set was delivered by Mr. Gregory, in answer to the question, "Are we better than our Fathers?" and in them he considered the comparative distribution of wealth among different ranks of English society, now and in the seventeenth century, the relative positions of rich and poor, and the ties by which various classes of the community are bound together, at the two eras.* In the next course, Dr. Liddon examined the assumption, often boldly made, that Christianity is on the decline, in its political, intellectual, social, and moral aspects. The third was by Bishop Claughton, on the Ethics of Mahomedanism and Buddhism, as compared with the Ethics of Christianity. My interrupted set came next, and Professor Lightfoot was to have finished the series by some lectures on early Christian life. The attempt was thought by many

* Published by J. Parker & Co., Oxford and London.

an over-bold one. It certainly met with a cordial response from those for whom it was undertaken; and the lectures, which were intended to be given in a small side chapel, had to be delivered to large audiences under the dome. I have reprinted these two Lectures as a remembrance of an occasion of great interest to us at St. Paul's; I have no other justification for publishing them.

R. W. C.

February 1872.

LECTURE I.

ROMAN CIVILIZATION.

I PROPOSE to bring before your thoughts, in fulfilment of my part in this series of lectures, the subject of Civilization—first, as it was, in probably its highest form before Christian times, in the Roman State ; and next, as it has been since Christianity has influenced the course of history and the conditions of human life. In doing this, I have to remember several things. I have to remember the vastness of the field before us, the huge mass of materials, the number, difficulty, and importance of the questions which arise out of the subject, or hang on it. I have to remember that civilization is a thing of more or less, and that general statements about it are ever liable to be misunderstood or excepted to, because the speaker is thinking of