

It was saved by the elites
finally cooperating and inviting
Charles Finney a famous revivalist
to come into town.

He did by conversion what
the elites had failed to do
by coercion.

The largest body of converts
came from the middle class.
But Rochester became the
most evangelized community in
the North.

Transformation began in
workshops. Finney worked
through wives & sisters who,
when converted converted their
families.

The missions were a great success.
Hundreds of wage earners joined
middle class churches in 1830.

They became sober, hardworking
and obedient. They won the favor &
patronage of middle class and there
was a lot of upper middle class society.

These men demonstrated that
paternalistic controls could be replaced
by faith & voluntary self
restraint. "The revival was not
a capitalist plot. But it was certainly
a crucial step in the legitimization of
free labor.

The Private city is another
book which shows how changes
affect the economic, social, and
political forces within a city.

In Philadelphia the elites
did not pay enough attention to
civic and social problems in
their city. If they had the city
may have grown in a better way.