

the time, of the remarkable fact that God had indeed granted unto the Gentiles also repentance unto life. Eventually, by means of a man of larger education, who was able to take in and discuss the larger problem, God taught the infant Church that their calling was not exclusively to home missions, and Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, became the pioneer and ideal foreign missionary. Thenceforward an aggressive policy marked both home and foreign mission work, until Imperial Rome acknowledged the rule of the Nazarene.

The Roman Church came to temporal rule, and was needed to hold together in some shape the chaotic elements of Europe when the Empire expired, and she grew into the idea that her sway over nations and governments represented the idea of Christ's kingdom among men. That idea was the old one which the gift and power and presence of the Spirit was to cure. But the Spirit was gone, and the machinery remained animated by human ambition and error, and remains to-day a vast hierarchy—a political church. It has all along had and has to-day, a marvellous power in arousing the enthusiasm of men and women in extending its influence in every way open to them, whose unselfish devotion commands our admiration, but whose moral and spiritual influence in renovating and uplifting the peoples they reach must be placed almost at zero.

The Church of England became largely Protestant in its theology when England revolted from the rule of Rome, but inherited much from the old Romanism