

## INTRODUCTION

decision in the Salomon case. If the law says that the corporation is distinct from its members in theory, the public is surely entitled to demand that they shall be distinct in fact. Nor, to take another example, is the chaos that followed in Scotland from the Free Church decision a thing very flattering to legal complacency. Whether the writings of academic lawyers can do anything towards the practical simplification of the law upon these matters is very doubtful; but the effort is at any rate worth making.