

gated in view of the fact that sin had entered into the world. The Church is religion harnessed up for a propagandist aim, or in more modern phrase the Church is a power-house from which there must flow out amongst men the elements that bear heat and light and energy for warming the world out of its cold, for lighting its darkness and for driving it on to God. And it is worth while remembering seriously that the only thing which can resist the dynamic current is the human will.

A study in missions is only of value to those who consider that a church is a vital necessity in every community. If the presence of a church is unimportant, then we need not waste time advocating its building or scatter substance in maintaining it. Thus far we only know of two places where a church is recorded as absent, because not necessary. The one was the Garden of Eden before sin entered. There was no need of a church there, but, after the great Exclusion, altars began to rise outside the gates to articulate man's desire to get back into the companionship of God. The other place where a church is not needed is the new Jerusalem, the City of God. John says: "I saw no temple therein," because none is needed in the sinless realm. But we are here on the common earth, and sin is everywhere defacing