

have you as a critic of the Church been doing all these days? What have you accomplished that enabled you to be a ruler and a judge over us? To what do you belong that has been an ensample to the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity? "Oh," but you say, "I make no profession." Is that all the reply? That is the cheapest yet.

Let me ask you further what you propose to say when you stand before the Judge of all? The obligation is upon all, the work is demanded of all, and a negative life lived in selfishness is a poor excuse for the unselfish life that reaches over boundaries and walls to give ripe fruit to the wearied and hungry travellers on the other side.

What is wrong with the Church? Let me tell you. The fact is that the Church is lacking for want of your hearty co-operation. There is a vacancy in the Church, none but you can fill. God has a place there for you. The Church will always be behind in efficiency while there are those who stay without. Your financial support is no substitute for your better gifts. Your money perish with you if you think that gold will purchase eternal life.

"Wisdom cryeth without, she uttereth her voice in the streets. She cryeth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates in the city, she uttereth her words saying, How long ye simple ones will ye love simplicity? And the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge. Turn you at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you."

When at last the day has dawned for which all days were made, when the last word is said which shall usher in the eternal Kingdom, it will be seen that the only permanent benefactors of the human race were those who by introducing Christ in His Word and in human experience, gave to men that kingdom of God and His righteousness by which all other things were added unto them.

Let others see the faults of the Church. I am proud of her virtues. We have chosen in the Church the better part. And when individuals and nations which have already obeyed so much of the message of the Church, and have reaped so many benefits thereby, obey their divine Lord and King in the demands, as yet rejected and disobeyed, the problems of the day relating to war, morals and inequality will be settled.

The progress of the Church is dependent on the sacrifice of Christians. The progress of the world depends on its obedience to the message of the Church.

I can only close as I began by denying the retrogression of the Church. The ministry of today is not less worthy of respect than that of another age, but is more criticized. This is largely due to the fact that this generation has a larger vision than any other, of what constitutes Christianity. Our eyes are now so opened by present methods of religious instruction we can no longer in decency tolerate what has passed in some other ages for Christianity itself.

And the Church is going on with her spiritual vision—taking hold of all educational, moral and social reforms, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and the prisoner, but never satisfied with anything short of the transformation of those to whom she ministers into the image