

physically degenerate and intellectually contemptible people. They remain to all time the classic instance of the tragedy of isolation, of building walls and keeping within them.

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From the federal State, therefore, we may look not only for the welfare of the world but for the real enrichment of the nation. It is no part of our present purpose to attempt to forecast the political machinery of such a State. Our interest in it is that it is the only kind of State in which religion can be truly free, and which can be regarded as Christian in its temper and its *ethos*. The sovereign State involves the denial of a Christian moral order, both within and without, and, whether in conflict or in alliance with it, the Church has suffered grave injury from it. But whatever the political machinery of such a State may turn out to be, the Church should have no formal relation to it save that of assent. For it is in the very nature of things that the State will be chiefly concerned for the exterior and temporal aspects of the affairs of the commonwealth; and of the State the Church will require no more than elbow-room. It should hold so lightly to its temporalities that its concern with the temporal affairs of the commonwealth would be infinitesimal; and, so long as it sedulously eschewed the old illusion of power, it would preserve a relation of so great a mutual goodwill