

dead meat back into a living animal, but we can preserve the dead world from putrefaction. The morality and benevolence of unbelievers, about which we hear so much, are simply the results of their Christian training and the Christian influences around them. Plant a church in a godless mining town. It may not lead to the conversion of one-tenth of the inhabitants, but, before a year has passed, the moral tone of the whole place is improved, dens of vice have disappeared, and deeds of shame that formerly exulted in the light of day will have scurried back to the darkness to which they belong. The place is salted, and therefore preserved from the moral rottenness into which it was sinking.

As the light of the world believers may render a still wider service to the world. They reveal to men righteousness, duty, truth about themselves, their God and the future, which they could not otherwise know. This will lead many to salvation, for it is by the truth that men are lead still more to righteousness, for when they will not enter the way of life, we may give them light to walk decently in the way of death. It is a melancholy thought that this is all we can do in such a multitude of cases, but still it is worth doing, for there is a world of difference between floundering through the world in the mire of vice and crime, and walking in the way of spiritual death.

In all these cases it is by intensity that the principles of Christianity are disseminated, and its number increased. The little salt that preserves much food, the little leaven that leavens a barrel of meal, the light that illumines a whole building, the seed that bears fruit an hundred fold, all do so in virtue of the energy inherent in them. Let that fail, and like savorless salt they are worse than useless. They must have enough strength to spend themselves in fulfilling their functions. The salt, light, leaven and seed all lose themselves in the results they produce. As Christ taught in the passage quoted, the Christian's life must be sacrificed for the work he has to do. This present neglect of acknowledged ills will not do. It is putting ourselves in a false position before the world to confess indifference to human woes and wrongs