

there are to be found Christians, outside of religious museums, who persist in drawing the mediæval distinction between the religious and the secular. To them we can only say that religion of a certain type is in sore need of being "secularized." The church has often lived too much in the Above and Beyond. It has not interested itself enough in the actual material conditions of the Here and Now. It has ever been generously holding out to the pious poor the cold comfort of promised heavenly riches ; but has sometimes put forth all too little effort to remove the sting of worldly poverty. The assurance that the evils of this world will be set right in the next is a totally inadequate panacea for present wrongs. The poor man will reply that, if the same God as rules in this world will rule in the next, there is the possibility at least that the future may be no improvement on the present, and at any rate, that he does not intend to wait for it. A religion which has nothing better than that to offer can never reach the estranged masses. Only when the church puts off its kid gloves and comes into closest possible contact with the actual conditions of society, will they who are suffering social wrongs respond to its efforts ; and in so far as this is the aim and spirit of the Institutional Church, it merits the cordial sympathy of every lover of humanity.

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