

who are "salted," that is, between those who have entered upon the reality of a Christian experience and those whose lives have been influenced in a Christian way by the pressure of a Christian environment. The primary task of the Church is the manufacture of "salt," the creation of the characteristic moral personality which will by the process of personal contacts at last induce a Christian direction in the collective will. This involves the abandonment of all those futile hopes of christianising the State by "resolutions upon public questions," and all the "political" methods of mass action which the modern Church has adopted without reference to their appropriateness to its own genius. It may appear to be the longest way round; it is nevertheless the only way there.

The contribution which the Church will make to the State will from the nature of the case be indirect. It is no part of its business to evolve policies and programmes for the commonwealth or to provide formal solutions for its problems, still less to impose its own will upon it. Its gift to the commonwealth is the creation and the multiplication of a type of character which, by being true to itself in everything, will give an increasing Christian bias to the collective will. It has been far too commonly assumed that the "laws" which seem to operate in the realm of economics and politics are fixed, immutable conditions, to which we have to submit with the best possible grace, divine institutes from which there can be no