

are constantly being established, and old ones are made to take on new phases requiring a constant readjustment of ethical ideas. The legislative bodies of the world are kept ever busy with the new legislation which these constant changes demand. But in advance of this legislation there must be the constant education and clarification of public opinion through its natural leaders and instructors. Unsolved problems must be gradually thought out, and when mistakes are made, as they often are, these must be corrected in the light of experience and the best judgment available. This is a kind of work which, from the nature of the case, could not be done for the world once for all by any teacher, however excellent, or even by any revelation from heaven, however full. Experience, and experience alone, can be the teacher, and that experience must go on growing to the end of time.

A second direction in which development must continue to proceed is in the lifting up of still higher ideals of life and character than those which have hitherto dominated the world. In one sense, indeed, we may say that no higher ideal is possible to the world than that which has been already exhibited at the foundation of Christianity. In Jesus Christ the world has had displayed before it the perfect man, the perfect character. There is no prospect that humanity will ever get beyond or above the level which was His habitual pathway. But that ideal has never yet been completely apprehended or appreciated by the Church, still less by the world at large. The tendency has been to seize upon some one or other of its aspects, often those which were incidental and subsidiary, and emphasize these as if they were the whole. Throughout long ages for example, the ideal of sanctity in the Church was, as we have seen, the monastic one, which pleaded as its justification the fact that Christ had formed no voluntary family ties and owned no property, as if these adventitious conditions were the chief ones to be realised in order to be like Him, instead of merely showing that the highest type of life was possible apart from family ties and worldly possessions as well as with them. But one after another the