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## How Much Work is Done in the Church ?

A CRITIC said recently, "Our churches have been places where someone did a great deal of talking and others were obliged to do a great deal of listening, and nobody did very much work." This is like saying that the shop in the lumber camp is a place where men spent a good deal of time filing their saws and sharpening their axes and nobody was chopping down trees. Or like saying that in the kitchen somebody did a great deal of cooking and nobody did any eating.

This criticism leads straight to the question, "What is the church and what is its function?" Is it a noisy workshop where men work at the bench, the lathe or the anvil, or is it the quiet engine room where power is generated for the workmen? To ask the question is to suggest the answer. But unless the engine in the power house is belted to the machinery in the shop, the stillness of the engine room may be the stillness of death as far as the workshop is concerned.

Whatever other religions may be, the religion of Jesus Christ is not something apart from life. It is a way of looking at life, a way of taking life, a way of living and of doing everything. It may take a good deal of talking and a good deal of listening to get the Christian point of view into the set of life. It is so easy to get fixed in habits of conduct that are essentially pagan.

The Christian church offers to many people the only relief from the deadening monotony of a humdrum existence. The man who talks sustains with words him who is weary. The church has also words of wisdom and words of courage and winged words of inspiration—words that can translate the smothered ideals and longings into deeds of helpfulness and service.

Our critic is right that very little work is done in the church, but we doubt if he or anyone could tabulate the work that has been inspired by the church.

















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