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'Church, Society and Politics' is the theme of this twelfth volume of Studies in Church History, and though emphasis is concentrated on the political involvements of churches and churchmen politics is conceived in no narrow sense: the scrutiny of morality and myth supplement the discussion of more narrowly material issues. While some contributors focus on specific problems and individuals - the seventh-century 'holy king', the twelfthcentury community at Durham, Fulk of Toulouse, alien priories, fifteenth-century sermons, French and Scottish post-reformation religious politics, colonial missionary policies, parliamentary legislation and aspects of the German church struggle of the 1930s - major papers examine and discuss broader items. For the pre-reformation period the attitudes of early christians to property and slavery, the significance of the ordeal, and high medieval reaction to 'novelty' are scrutinised. Two contributors are concerned with aspects of the reformation, another considers jansenism and politics in the eighteenth century, and the presidential paper approaches the risorgimento through the career of Gavazzi. Taken together these papers demonstrate the complexity of the relationships which comprise this theme without obscuring those fundamental truths which could lead even Cavour to remark that 'only moral forces overcome moral obstacles'.

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