THE CHURCH

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J. Andrew Kirk inÂ The Church and the World (Christian Doctrine in Historical Perspective)