

- e. It is most important to "strengthen the things that remain" and this is best done internally. The prophets of Israel seem not to have separated themselves from the poor level of worship in Jerusalem.

I will try to offer a sympathetic understanding to these and supply some of the Scripture ideas that underlie them. I will also seek to emphasize the fact that extremism usually does not solve the problem and that keeping the issues clear is very important in any consultation on this line.

3. Classes and Dimensions of Non-Separatist moves

A good part of this material is just a recitation of history... a few names and a few facts stuck together with bits of nostalgia and lachrymal glue. I shall not go into any of it in detail... time and the course are moving onward.

a. The Service of Inter-Denominational agencies

The inter-denominational agency offered a base for persons of mutual faith to share both in the Lord's work and witness. The parties could maintain their status quo but for the sake of their own health they affiliated with "para-church" groups for outreach and building. Often the parachurch group would not be militant but would be firm in its evangelical commitment. As a rule it made no demands on its members for activity in the area of the original body and its liberalism. Among the many in this class of organizations I mention the following:

--The World Christian Fundamentals Association

Organized in Montrose, PA. in 1916. Primary leaders included Baptists (W.B.Riley), Presbyterians (R.A.Torrey), Methodists (L.W.Munhall, C. Myers), Independents (W.E. Blackstone) and the Presbyterian publisher of the Sunday School Times, C.G. Trumbull. There were Lutheran scholars present and a great range of broad inter-denominational support.

The aim of the group was to offset liberal theology and to urge the purging of denominations. By 1921 it was represented in 25 states as well as Canada but it fell into intra-party disputes over eschatology matters..and other things.. and by 1927 had become just another evangelical association with no distinctive message of its own. Having no longer a definitive program and only a generally mandated position-it could secure no real implementation for its ideas and came to a rather painless end.

--The Bible League of North America

Active between 1902 and 1930 and more popularly called the "Bible Champions". Its main thrust was to oppose modernism and evolution. It was not well defined theologically and this with the depression brought about its demise.