

conference at Montrose, Pennsylvania, was one of the most pronounced and earliest. To it must be added the names of Winona Lake and Chautauqua. In the west the Mt. Hermon conferences (California) were among the foremost. The conferences offered Christians the latitude of fellowship without the immediate compromise of unbelief.

--Publications

To serve the conservative side of the church a number of publications emerged in the inter-denominational class. Better known among these were:

- Moody Monthly
- The Sunday School Times
- Christianity Today.

The latter was an earlier use of the title of the present publication. The former editors included Samuel Craig from whom the publishing house is descended today.

--SUMMARY:

All of these groups offered the vangelically minded opportunities for fellowship and growth. They did not stem the tide of modern unbelief, however, and generally confronted it only in an academic sense. Condemnation of liberalism was loud but it was almost always external to the place where liberalism dominated. Several factors hindered the success and ideals of these groups and we mention the following from which a lot might be learned by similar groups of our time.

- incumbent restrictions from working within the particular bodies: there are a lot of things you can't talk about that tend to make one feel uneasy.
- divisions of polity agreement and the abrasiveness that comes from opposing doctrinal statements.
- the lack of a field for immediate action..everything must be done secondarily
- an emotional hesitation about "rocking the boat" and a tendency to wait for the tide to change.

Of course it is always easier to be a critic but those concerned with these problems in the present economy might learn a lot about making better courses from the difficulties of past and ongoing groups. Alas! most of us seem to think we know how to accomplish our goals without consulting God or man!

b. Moves within the denominations

As a general rule, protest groups that did not upset the hierarchy too much were tolerated. It did come to a head in the Presbyterian community with the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions and the mandate that sought to