

--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!

(4) Non-separatist moves within 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 make membership in that body illegal for presbyterians in good standing. Such confrontations were usually avoided by the upper echelons in the hope that the cause and the anguish would pass in time. New movements, please note, appear in this field all the time and we are not fully current on the most up-to-date lists. Historically we note the following bodies and we will later mention some of the present active forces as we know them.

(a) Baptist groups:

/1/ The Baptist Bible Union, 1921

Led by T.T. Shields, W.B. Riley, J.F. Norris, etc., the Union sought to oppose modern unbelief by power moves within the convention. Eventually Shields and Norris would leave the conventions. The union gained control of Des Moines university and thought to turn it into an evangelical stronghold for educational purposes. But internal struggles and student response ruined the idea and with the collapse of the college (the Des Moines plan) much of the cause of the Union crumbled.

/2/ The Missionary Union of Baptist Churches of North America, 1930

An attempt at a fellowship within the northern convention on the part of conservatives bothered by liberalism.