

The Victorious Life Movement...

Associated with Keswick in England, the victorious life movement developed after the Moody revivals of 1875. The thrust for the new believers in particular was a life lived in Christ with a sanctifying experience of victory over sin. The concept indicated the way in which the believer, through the power of the indwelling Spirit, combatted sin in life. The movement pronounced in favor of temperance, Sunday observance, and many other things calculated to aid in improving godliness. Such men as Bishop Ryle, although perhaps not immediate Keswick promoters, imbibed of the spirit and it had a very edifying effect in the ranks of the Anglican church, et al. The move was foundational to the Bible Conference movement and the prophecy conferences of the next century. Among the many places using the term "Keswick" there was a common idealogy but not an organizational oneness. The movement was strong on missions, less emphatic on the social needs, and generally committed to a non-combative evangelicalism

Inter-faith moves..

Christians, interested in overcoming denominational barriers in the hopes of greater effectiveness in Christian ministry, launched a number of interesting works in the age...works that were calculated to appeal to believers of all religious persuasions...generally evangelical however. Among them we note the YMCA after 1844 and the Salvation Army after 1865. The former was inter-faith in the fullest expression while the latter was aimed that way but key Arminian distinctives tended to isolate it from active calvinistic participation. In the last decade these were joined by the "Boy Scouts" and several similar bodies including modern "youth" works such as Christian Endeavor. These were all strongly evangelical in character (although the Scouts were not thought of as a religious order) and most have some evangelical influences in them today. The nature of control tended to avoid credalism and whether good or bad, this tended to make the groups subject to pressure from all sides and weakened what were the theological postures.