

Address on "Denominational Loyalty"
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Introduction

1. What is a Denomination? Webster-"A Religious sect holding certain opinions in common".
2. Has the Denomination served its Purpose?
 - + A- Early frontier conditions in U.S. America, the melting pot. Union even in Political matters difficult. Formation of Constitution, Civil war
 - B- Rapid strides made in Amalgamation since then.
 - C- Denominations were essential then and should be maintained as long as they effectively carry out the will of Christ.
 - DD Religion conservative and last to change. We should make no sacrifice of CONSCIENCE.
 - EE- Winning World War--Each nation fought under its own flag.
 - F- The diversity of faiths today and all claim to be right. No basis for Union. E. Stanley Jones.
Aside from all this--

MAIN IDEAS

- 1- Denominational loyalty means loyalty to certain fundamental Religious Principles. These tried and tested in the fiery furnace of experience and found trustworthy. We believe our Baptist Principles both Unique and eternal. These principles constitute our greatest reason for loyalty. Consider some of these--

A- Freedom of Conscience and Religious Liberty-- McIntosh
B- Separation of Church and State
A moth-eaten doctrine. Positions Church may occupy.

- a. Nonentity as in many countries
- b. Separation as supposed in U.S.
- c. Subservience as in Germany and Italy. Italy as an example.
Pope and the Ethiopian War.

(Salvemini- Christendom, Winter 1937)
115 Cardinals and Bishops for War
Cardinal Arch-Bishop of Milan
Oct. 28, 1935 speaking in the
cathedral after the reading of
the gospel, exhalted-

"The valerous armies which in intrepid obedience to the command of their country and at the price of their blood, open the doors of Ethiopia to the Catholic faith and the Civilization of Rome" "At this moment on the fields of Ethiopia the Italian flag carries in triumph the Cross of Christ breaks the chains of the slaves and makes straight the way of the missionaries of the gospel."

Feb. 23, 1936. Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of state for Pius XI delivered a harangue on the "Sacred Destiny of Rome" before Mussolini and state officials. The Pope blessed Bagdolio, and the Church Bells rang when the ~~victors~~-victors returned. (Germany)

d. Superiority.. "I am determined to know no sovereignty"

The Totalitarian State must go

- C- A Voluntary Church Membership
No infant Baptism-Henry Dunster of Harvard
- D- Democratic form of Church Government
E- Individual Responsibility

- F- A Regenerated Church Membership.
- G- Inspiration of the Scriptures
- H- The Bible our sole rule for faith and Practice. Sir Walter Scott; Bishop Manning and doctrine of Papal Infallibility 1850 1870 "~~On this scene of~~
~~power we shall rebuild a better world~~"
"Let all the world go to bits and we will reconstruct in on this bit of paper"
D. L. Moody and Scotland. *Russian*
- T- The Divinity of Christ.

II. Denominational Loyalty makes for Denominational Efficiency.

- A- Mission Work - *Work in Africa*
- B- Education
- C- Hospitals
- D- Orphanages
- E- Redemption Campaign

III. Denominational Loyalty is a great integrating force for our Religious Activities

- A- Common Purposes
- B- Common Problems
- C- Common Experiences

IV. Denominational loyalty Promotes a Great Fellowship.

- A- Baptists everywhere united -
- B- Baptist World Alliance
Berlin Meeting "Blest be the Tie that Binds"

P O E M

Whittier Sings

"Our fathers to their graves have gone,
Their strife is passed, their triumphs
won;

But greater tasks await the race
Which comes to take their honored place,
A moral warfare with the Crime
And folly of an evil time.

So let it be, In God's own sight,
We gird us for the coming fight;
And strong in him whose cause is ours
In conflict with unholy powers!
We grasp the weapons he has given
The light and truth and love of Heaven".