

stand completely in line with the views of the BJU people or whether they cooperate with individuals of whom this group does not approve. While I myself would prefer an attitude that gave more recognition to the unity of the body of Christ, I feel that a particular group has a right to restrict its fellowship if it chooses. It is unfortunate, however, that lines of fellowship should be based on such comparatively minor factors as the quoted letters suggest. In this connection the book mentions some rather striking inconsistencies, but I fear that all people are more inconsistent than they ought to be. If the leaders of a group desire to restrict its fellowship so tightly, they would be much kinder to make this fact clearly known to all outsiders in advance. I was glad to see the favorable statement about some BJU graduates on pp.215-216.

During my student days, I was privileged to observe Billy Sunday's great city-wide campaign in Los Angeles. Tremendous crowds would line up, waiting for the auditorium to be opened. Interest in the meetings was very great. Yet even then the pastor of the church that my family attended remarked on his great trepidation as he looked forward to the years ahead. He said that the increase in availability of entertainment was causing people to lose interest in religious meetings and Christian organizations. Since then we have seen the rise of radio and television and the spread of greatly improved facilities for easy transportation. Evangelists used to say that it took a week or two to get a church revived to the point where its members would do their part and that a meeting that lasted less than five or six weeks would accomplish little. Now it is rare for any large evangelistic meeting to continue more than a few nights at the most. It is no wonder that contemporary evangelists who have conducted large meetings in the past tend to feel very frustrated.

Thank you again for sending me a copy of the book. I shall pray that God will bless its purpose by producing closer unity and greater love among Christian brethren, and that He will prevent its criticisms from decreasing the effectiveness of any who truly love the Lord.