

fine Christians, believing in the Lord and trying to serve Him, and they said their minister in their church knew nothing about the gospel whatever and gave utterly modernistic material, and they didn't feel they should stay in that church and they wanted to know what I felt about it. I said, "If they were not getting food there, and they weren't having an opportunity to witness for the Lord without being constantly offset by the people who differed with them, why it would seem perfectly clear that that wasn't the place they should stay. They said to me, "Well, we've been brought up in the United Church. To leave the United Church seems such a terrible thing~~xxx~~." This thing which had just started when I was in seminary seemed like something absolutely brand new to them, and these young women to them it was the grand old church, the United Church, and it was hard even for them to leave it even ~~though~~ though they were getting no spiritual food there and no truth. I thought of what a striking example it is and how quickly you can get a conservative tradition sprung up which may rest upon something very fine or may rest upon ~~xxx~~ nothing; it may rest upon a mere name, but what a hold it gets on people's minds. There are many people who are more interested in a name than in the fact that they have been in something for a certain number of years or that their ancestors have, than they are in ~~xxxx~~ how they will really stand for the truth. Now here are these people in the northern kingdom. These people had been going down to Jerusalem and worshipping God, the God who had brought them up out of Egypt and who had delivered them from the Egyptian oppression and who had been with them all through the years. They were worshipping God. Now ~~that~~ Jeroboam came to these people and said, "Don't worship that God any more, that God of Jerusalem. That's all a lot of foolishness; don't follow that. We're going to start a new church; we're going to have a brand new system of religion, and we want the kingdom to follow." If Jeroboam had done a thing like that, he probably would have had a revolution right then. He would have had a terrific