

well-taught, I fear. But it was taught. The truth was taught in this seminary. The Gospel was presented. There was a man in the neighborhood who owned a steamship line, that had steamboats racing all around the world. This man was a great Christian believer. He was not well trained, he did not understand a great deal of theology, but he was a real believer in Christ and a very godly Christian man. And into the very church which Capt. Robert Dollar attended there came a new pastor, and this pastor had gone to a theological seminary where the Bible was denied and where it was denied the deity of Christ and all the great doctrines, and there was substituted for it an idea of social service, human betterment and building a new society--a near socialist idea.

This was before the rise of communism. A near-socialist idea of what the duty of the Christian minister was. Capt. Robt. Dollar heard that man preach Sunday after Sunday. He said, I don't understand it at all. He does not present the doctrines the way I'm accustomed to them. I don't understand it, but it sounds very Christian to me. I think it would be a fine thing for the young men in the seminary to get this teaching.

So he endowed a chair of Christian Social Ethics in that theological seminary, and they put this man there as the one to hold the chair. Capt. Dollar no longer had to listen to his preaching. Instead of that they got a man who preached the gospel which he loved to hear. But this man went into the seminary and he taught a generation of ministers to doubt the Scriptures, to deny the truth upon which Christian social ethics is based. Out of that seminary within a generation there were coming ministers who went all over the western area who presented the ideas that that man had given.

Capt. Dollar did not judge righteous judgment. He was busy with his business work. He was busy with a simple gospel ministry in which he was interested, but in this vital matter of helping in the training of that seminary he did not take the time to investigate and see whether this man's teaching was really Christian. He ~~said~~ said, I don't understand it, but it sounds Christian so I'll give it to the students! The man was an able man. The man told me himself. I talked to him--this man who was professor in that seminary. He told me, You know when I went into theological seminary, it was just like going into a dark tunnel. I got in from that side and believed all the orthodox doctrines that the Bible is true, and Jesus was God, and He had died for men's sins. I lived, he said, in a beautiful country where we had all those doctrines. I got into the seminary where for three years I was in a dark tunnel.

All of this was denied. I was torn and twisted. But then, I came out of the tunnel on the other side into a beautiful world in which we are going to change the world and improve conditions and introduce a new type of society.