

great force behind the development of ecclesiastical tyranny. The Christian Beacon has rendered great service in pointing out developments and in calling attention to this great danger.

Sometimes the Beacon is criticized for pointing to similar developments in sound groups. Certainly a different attitude should be taken toward any group that stands for the Word of God than toward one that is modernistic. Yet the Watchman needs to warn people of similar developments and of the dangers that come with them. Though the development is largely a result of Modernism, it is easy for sound groups to veer in a similar direction, and to introduce such ecclesiastical control of the activities of the individual as is without warrant in the Word of God and without precedent in the early history of Protestant groups. The Watchman must do his duty whether people like it or not. He is serving God rather than men.

#### Roman Catholicism

Another danger to which the watchman must be alert is that which comes from Roman Catholicism. This has much in common with the two trends already mentioned. The Roman Catholic movement is one in which the teaching of the Bible has to a large extent become hidden under a mass of superimposed tradition. Thus it has much in common with Modernism, even while officially asserting certain basic scriptural facts that Modernists deny. Moreover, it is a group in which the hierarchy claims great authority over the details of individual life, and exercises an ecclesiastical tyranny that can easily become a menace to human freedom. The Beacon rendered yeoman service in alerting the country to the danger from President Truman's proposal to send an ambassador to the Vatican. It is un-American to give to one religious group special favors which, in the nature of things, cannot be given