

was held by <sup>these</sup> the land holders. There was one place where the roads were too narrow for them to hold their service like that, a place where the land holder permitted the gypsies to have their encampments on his land and had never interfered with them, ordered the Christians who put up a tent and started to hold their service to tear it down and to get off his land. They ordered a big boat built in Glasgow. They brought the boat up there and they put it in a lake there which did not belong to the land holder, and there for two or three years two or three hundred people met every Sabbath in that boat for their services. What a heritage we have in the history of Presbyterians who have stood true to the Word of God.

I remember a few years ago talking with a Quaker in Philadelphia, a very evangelical man, and he said to me, "My wife said to me the other day, let's go around this summer and visit different Bible conferences." He said, "I liked the idea so we started out." And he said, "We went to interdenominational Bible conferences. We went to a dozen of them. They called them all interdenominational Bible conferences where they presented the Word of God and went through and expounded the Scriptures." But he said, "I was amused at their calling them interdenominational because," he said, "most of the people there were Presbyterians." Presbyterianism has been main line Christianity. It has never been intended to be a sect, a group that held to some particular teaching different from the mass of Christians and said you have got to hold this view if you are going to have fellowship with us. All our views are views which have been held by large portions (I think I can say by the majority) of Christians through the ages. The attitude of Presbyterianism has been to resist the efforts to make a sect gathering around a particularized emphasis on some particular doctrine or viewpoint and to insist upon an attitude <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ takes the whole counsel of God and stands upon the Bible as a whole.

Let us look at a few of the things that Presbyterianism has <sup>stood for</sup> ~~stood for~~. First, of course, we think of the name - Presbyterian, what does it mean? Presbyter simply means elder. It points out a man's character, one you should be able to look up to. And as St. Jerome pointed out back in 400 A.D. in the Scripture, the word "presbyter"