

was joined with the great Methodist denomination. They had at that time the Methodist Church North, and the Methodist Church South. The two joined into one United Methodist, and they got the Methodist Protestant to join with them.

It was in that situation that Mr. Conant wrote this book Present Day Methodism and the Bible. The effort was made then to force everyone in the Methodist Protestant denomination into the Methodist union which was now controlled by the Modernists. Mr. Conant was one of the group which took a strong stand against it and they were told the Methodist Protestant denomination has voted--its leaders have voted to go into United Methodism, you have no choice in the matter. If you ministers don't go in, you are committing ecclesiastical suicide. You will never again be allowed to be pastors of a church. You will lose all your property.

Mr. Conant and others persuaded a ~~group~~ group of Methodist Protestant churches which was called the Eastern Conference which was largely in N.J., there were a few in PA and in other states, he persuaded them it would be very foolish for them to go into the United Methodist denomination. The leaders of the group came into it and came with their representatives and told them that all your properties now belong to the denomination! You are going to lose these properties if you come out and try to be independent from them! You are already in the denomination! They brought all the force they could and it was a tremendous strain on Mr. Conant and others to resist that but they succeeded and Mr. Conant wrote another book about their experiences and called it How God Delivered Thirty-four churches. These 34 churches changed their name from Methodist Protestant to Bible Protestant, and have continued as a small group but as a very fine earnest Christian group of people.

So Mr. Conant has had real experience with both aspects of the Sadducees. With the aspect of the subtle indoctrination and misleading of those who believe in the Scripture, and with the aspect that when the Sadducees get control they ~~begin~~ then begin to use force and compel people to =into coming under their domination. Sometimes I wonder why some of these people show such a hatred toward the Gospel, and I cannot help feeling that in many cases there is in the back of their heads the feeling, What if I'm wrong? What if I'm wrong in this? I was brought up believing those things but I cast them aside, but suppose I'm wrong. Think what my fate is ahead! Let's get as many others into the same mould as I am! I don't know whether that enters into people's attitude or not, but I have seen in many cases this tremendous hatred of the Gospel and of those who stand for the Gospel.

Sadduceeism has had a tremendous effect in the United States. during this past century, not merely in the Methodist denomination but in practically all of our denominations. 100 yrs. ago there were many Christian colleges scattered throughout this nation. Some of them quite small, some of them fairly large. Many of them quite poor, some of them rather \_\_\_\_\_ (?) but places where the Bible was taught as God's Word and where the effort was made to lead the students to maintain a Christian type of life opposing and staying away from that which is contrary to Christian principles