

Church History Senior S 2

I'm getting a little ahead of my period here, illustrating the church government system and how it worked out). They organized the Bible Church Missionary Society and they proceeded to go among the churches of the Church of England which were favorable to their viewpoint and to raise money for sending out missionaries under their support and so today in the Church of England you have two boards. You have the regular board and you have the Bible board which latter I believe raises at least as much money, perhaps more than the regular board. They both have their missions, both carry on their work and as far as I know there never has been any interference by the Church of England with the activities of either one of the two boards. They are both within the framework of the church. Now, of course a situation like that where you can have a bishop who is a strong Christian and a dean of his cathedral who is a strong infidel and the bishop can denounce the dean but can't touch him and the bishop has absolutely no authority over the dean of his own cathedral, it is, of course, an utterly situation but it is a situation which provides all the trappings of absolutism combined with an amount of freedom which is almost fantastic and of course if you're going to have a state church and are going to permit people liberty of conscience you have to work up some such arrangement because as truly a state church, if it's going to be tied to the state as the Church of England is, has to be, has to really represent the people and not just an element of the people. In England through the years there have been groups, of course, that have left the state church. There's the Presbyterian church in England and the Congregational and the Methodist church there, these various groups, many of which in the days of persecution endured very severe persecution for their loyalty to the truth two different groups in England, but now nearly all of these groups have become so filled with modernism that it is very difficult in England to find churches where the true gospel is preached and when you do find them today they're more apt to be in the Church of England than anywhere else. There is much more evangelicalism there today than in any of the churches. It is strange .

Now the situation is different in Scotland. In Scotland there is the Church of