

Church History Senior S 2

Scotland which was very evangelical fifty years ago but which today is pretty largely controlled by modernists. Then there's the free church of Scotland which is quite evangelical, and then there's the free Presbyterian church of Scotland which is very evangelical and is ultra extreme on a great many points. They will excommunicate a man if he rides a street car on Sunday. They wouldn't do it for riding a train on Sunday for there are no trains in Scotland to ride on Sunday but if they rode a bus or a street car on Sunday they would excommunicate him and one of their members in Canada recently was excommunicated because he wrote a book-- he's a very active minister, very successful and well-liked man, but he wrote a book against the attitude of the church which I have, which is called SHOULD SABBATH KEEPING PREVENT CHURCH GOING? and his claim in the book is that if you can't possibly get to church on Sunday except by riding on a street car, if you are too far away or if you are late or there is some other reason why you couldn't walk to church. it is permissible to ride the street on Sunday if you're going to church, and that's the only reason for which you would ride it, and for that he was excommunicated. And so you have the Free Presbyterian Church in Scotland which is a small group but an extremely tightly held group which has its extreme views on many comparatively very minor points and this which is an evangelical, orthodox group and which has some very good churches in some sections of Scotland though it was probably not one-hundredth of the people of Scotland in it. It's interesting that from this Free Presbyterian Church with its very extreme views of absolute loyalty to the Scripture as they consider it came a man who reacted against it after being raised up in it and now he's president of Princeton Theological Seminary. Well now, the government then of the Episcopal church is very different from/ the Church of Scotland. There is a lot of freedom in the Church of Scotland too. There has to be in a state church. If you have a state church you have to either have a tremendous amount of freedom or you have to have a despotism and in an intelligent community you cannot . It's a situation .

Now--yes? (Student) No. No. The Covenanters were mostly under Charles II after the days of Cromwell. Charles II tried to force the Church of England upon