

to use them. Certainly it is far better never to touch ~~them~~ such things than to go to an extreme on their use. But for us to make a sharp line because a person differs from us as to the small amount of worldly embellishment is surely not the ~~W~~ Lord's will. He wants us to put first things first. I heard of a church not so long ago that almost split in two because half of the church believed that Christ was crucified on Friday and the other half believed that He was ~~C~~ crucified on Wednesday. Half of them were saying, he that is not with me is against me. They differ from us on this point, we cannot work with them. ~~At~~

After the Reformation the church in Poland grew rapidly, the time of the Reformation. That country was one of our greatest Christian centers, men came from Poland to teach in the universities in England and their Christian influence there was a great factor in winning England to the gospel. Soon more than a third of Poland was Protestant. Including a great portion of the nobility. It looked as if Protestantism would entirely sweep the country.

Then the Jesuits set to work to wipe Christianity out of Poland. Highly trained Jesuits moved in there and began challenging the Protestants to debate, and ridiculing their teaching and trying to turn the people against them. The Christian leaders of Poland were in a difficult situation. They were struggling against the able debaters and trying to hold their own and having a difficult time. Just a few miles away in northern Germany the successors of Martin Luther were carrying on a great witness for Christ, but the leaders in Poland were mostly Calvinists. The leaders in Germany were taking a strong anti-Calvinist position and were trying to root out what they called crypto-Calvinism out of the church in the Lutheran sections of Germany. Some of them got the idea that Calvinism was worse than, as bad as unbelief, as Roman Catholicism. He that is not with me is against me. They had no sympathy with the beleaguered Christians of Poland, they did nothing to help them. The Jesuits succeeded