

being rooted out. The cleverness of the Jesuites was the main cause but this may have been sufficient cause that without it they might have survived and Poland might have been a Protestant nation today.

It certainly is true of southern France. France, in which the Gospel made tremendous strides for a century is in recent years one of the hardest fields in the world for Christian witness, because ~~mf~~ thousands of its people were driven away by the attack on Protestantism which a solid front with Lutherans might have prevented. Divisions among Christians over such matters == over matters on which the Scripture does not speak plainly should be avoided. They are contrary to Christ's will. He wants us to stand foursquare on what is clear and plain in the Scripture. He wants us not to divide on minor issues. As Paul said, Is Christ divided, was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I would like now to mention four causes of unnecessary divisions among true Christians. The natural human tendency to follow a leader. In matters of strategy, of united action it is proper to follow those whom God has given wisdom for determining policies and ability to lead. But the tendency of human beings is to follow a leader ~~■~~ uncritically and great harm has come from this throughout the ages. Many times in the past I have urged, Do not follow me; I may lead you wrong; follow Christ. Do not follow any man; if you do you get the habit of following a man instead of the Bible. Then if the man dies or disappears you will have the habit and probably transfer your following to someone else far less worthy.

I know of a man who founded a theological seminary and did a great work in training young men to serve the Lord. Among them there developed a widespread tendency to follow him as the final word on everything on which he spoke. I remember two instances where the results followed that I feared. One was a professor who worked with him, a man who became one of his staff, who was a professor with him and who worked and was highly honored in his group. He followed the president in