

## Church History

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and he felt that his Biblical views were quite near mine in a good many ways but, and he was a real earnest man, a man who really wanted to serve the Lord, but I went to his service in the morning and with a little philosophical discourse trying to prove by philosophical arguments that we and after twenty minutes of it he stopped. He preached about twenty minutes and he delivered the philosophic discourse and I was sort of wondering what he was driving at myself. Well, he asked me to preach there that night for him and I did and he said, "Now, don't go over twenty minutes." He said, "Out in the country districts some of the old elders like you to preach an hour and a half, but," he said, "in a town like this" (it was a little town, maybe five hundred people), he said, "In a town like this if you go over twenty minutes the people get terribly restless and I've found that you can't do it." Well I preached for thirty-five minutes and you could have heard a pin drop anywhere in the place. I just gave them a straight gospel message. People, you could see, were tremendously interested, and I was amazed, too, with the attention because I found it so hard to understand them when they talked that I wondered whether they could understand what I was saying, but the people in the north of Scotland are hungry for a real message and this man wanted to give a real message but his whole seminary training had just obscured his understanding of things to the point where he hadn't much of a real message and in the north of Scotland the churches are filled but that's what they're getting and in the south of Scotland the churches are empty. Very few people go and in Glasgow for many years now they've had a Roman catholic mayor and the great cathedrals in Glasgow and everywhere you see are catholic. (Student) There has been tremendous immigration from Ireland into Scotland and the Roman catholics are mostly Irish who have come over there. There is a large Irish element in Glasgow in the industrial area.

Now I want to say a word about the results of the reformation on the Methodist church, in this country. I mentioned that last time, and I mentioned the Episcopal too, but I want to go a little more into detail on it because the Episcopal church