

Church History Senior S 6

but I feel I ought to get to Synod if I possibly can. If I do I can't get there unless I leave before Thursday morning.

Well, No. 13 is the 19th Century. In the Nineteenth century, a from our viewpoint of great importance, is Unitarianism in New England. In New England there had developed an attitude in certain groups of denial of the Word of God. The original Unitarians in New England did not go very far in their denial. They would be considered extremely mild modernists today. In fact they were the sort of people who today would call themselves fundamentalists and say that we were ultrafundamentalists. The first Unitarians were very different from what the Unitarian church became fifty years later. They were rather near to Arianism in their general viewpoint. They felt that Christ was the greatest of all who had ever lived, the greatest teacher, the great leader, that by Him the worlds were made, that there was no salvation except through His death, but they denied . They said that there is only one God and that God Christ, as the first of all His creatures. That is what the leaders said. Doubtless among a good many of the members of the groups who adhered to this there was a good deal more of a denial of the Word of God than was evident by their leaders and there was also something of an opposition to the very rigid strong Calvinism which was characteristic of the Congregational church in its entirety, but in Boston the first church to become Unitarian was an Episcopal church. It was called King's chapel, and in 1787 its minister publicly renounced belief in the deity of Christ and this church withdrew from the Episcopal communion, in 1787, in Boston. The controversy was doubtless greatly forwarded by liberalism having already come into Harvard University, which was then about one hundred and fifty years old, and it was making its way into the university rather quietly and now many ministers in the New England area, especially the more highly educated ones, began presenting Unitarian teaching. As a result of this type of organization which existed there, according to Dr. in his HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, he makes the statement that through skillful management the Unitarians gained control of the