

and the Methodist church and the extreme independency of the Congregational church and the Baptist church. The Episcopal church is also half way between them but it is half way in between in a different direction and I think in a far less reasonable direction.

Now this Unitarian activity then in New England resulted in instance after instance up there of godly people having to leave their churches and go out with absolutely nothing for the sake of their faith and of many a minister having to lose everything that he had built up in many years. One outstanding instance of it is Dr. Holmes, in Cambridge. He was the father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great physician and American writer who in his turn was the father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great Supreme Court jurist, and Holmes was the honored Puritan minister of this church where he had preached for thirty-eight years. He had led the church in the Christian life, cared for the poor, instructed the children, founded libraries for the parish and engaged in all his work for thirty-eight in the one church. When Unitarianism became rife he stopped changing pulpits with certain ministers who were Unitarians. Sixty-three members of the parish drew up a memorial remonstrating and they attempted to insist that he should get an Assistant Pastor or an associate pastor who would be a Unitarian. The majority of the church members supported Dr. Holmes in his refusal but the parish called a council composed of representatives of six Unitarian churches and voted that the First Church of Cambridge had sufficient cause to terminate the contract subsisting between them and the Reverend Dr. Holmes, their minister, and this council recommended this measure as necessary to the subsistence and spiritual prosperity of this society. So the parish voted that the Reverend Holmes be dismissed from his office as a minister of the Gospel, that he should be given a three months' salary on equitable principles but not as legal right, and they employed a pastor to preach in the church and told him that his services were not required nor authorized in the church, and so the Congregational pastor sat on the sidewalk in his fashion the courthouse