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THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

"God alone is lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in any thing contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship. So that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commandments out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience; and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also."

—Chapter XX, Section II.

THE PRESBYTERIAN
CONSTITUTIONAL
COVENANT UNION

This is the first time in the history of Wheaton that a revival of these proportions and this intensity has come.

Westminster Philosopher Delivers Smythe Lectures

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DR. CORNELIUS VAN TIL of the Faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary delivered the 1936 lectures on the foundation established by Dr. Thomas Smythe, sometime pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S. C. On this foundation such lectures as Warfield's *Counterfeit Miracles*, Machen's *The Virgin Birth of Christ*, and Zwemer's *The Origin of Religion* have been delivered. The Westminster scholar in

gripping and holding the attention of his audience, in loyalty to the Reformed Faith, and in comprehensive acquaintance with the many fields of modern thought walked worthily of the able men who have filled this lectureship. Students and faculty agreed that they had seldom had a lecturer who secured and held their interest as completely as did Dr. Van Til.

The lecturer presented in sharp contrast the Reformed Faith which accepts God as the one who has pre-interpreted all reality and hence seeks to think His thoughts after Him, and the current philosophical, psychological, pedagogical and biological assumption that the human mind is ultimate and able to interpret reality independent of God. The Reformed Faith insists on the distinction between the Creator and the creature,

Eternity and time, God and man. Philosophy which follows Eve in rejecting God's interpretation lands in hopeless contradictions and irrationality. The Calvinist who is willing to walk as a little child with God his Father has a true if incomplete knowledge. God's knowledge is complete, possessed of absolute coherence. The counsels of the triune God are the one answer to the idealistic quest for the concrete universal.

We trust that Presbyterianism in this part of the world will be enriched by the services of other scholars of Dutch extraction, whether they come from the Dutch Reformed or the Christian Reformed bodies, if they bring a like loyalty to the Reformed Faith, scholarship and ability to "put across" their messages.

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MODERNISM and the BOARDS

Do you know:

That the Board of Foreign Missions, although riddled with Modernism, is not the most heretical of the official Boards?

That Sunday School literature published by the Board of Christian Education is in some cases unvarnished paganism?

That the Board of National Missions contains a higher percentage of Auburn Affirmationists than any other Board?

For the first time The Presbyterian Guardian is turning the floodlight of publicity on the official Boards of the church. The fourth article on the Board of Christian Education appears in this issue together with the first of a new series on the Board of National Missions. These stirring and revealing studies will probably continue for several months.

Readers of the Guardian will, by next General Assembly, be well informed concerning conditions in all the major Boards of the church. Have you a friend who believes that the Board of Foreign Missions is the only agency implicated in Modernism, or who is ignorant of the great issues to be decided at General Assembly? A seven months' subscription, costing only one dollar, will include all the articles on "Modernism and the Boards," as well as all the news of General Assembly and the annual convention of the Covenant Union. A dollar spent now for a gift subscription is one of the finest investments you can make for your Christian friends.

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