

We have arranged for a series of six interesting articles, "War Talks, by Uncle Dan," written by Mr. Howard H. Gross, president of the Universal Military Training League, of which this is the first. They tell in a graphic way why military training is of value, both to the nation and to the individual, and our readers will find them of unusual interest.

**WAR TALKS**  
By **UNCLE DAN**  
Number One

America Must Fight Hard or Germany May Win—Necessity for Military Training.

"Now, Billie," said his mother, "your Uncle Dan is coming tomorrow to spend a week with us on the farm, and if you want to know about the war, here's your opportunity. Uncle Dan is probably one of the best-informed men in the country." Billie clapped his hands and gave such a whoop that he awakened the baby, but what could you expect of a fifteen-year-old boy who is a living interrogation point and wants to know about war?

Uncle Dan arrived in due time and Billie watched for an opportunity. It came that evening after dinner when Uncle Dan had lighted a cigar and taken a seat on the porch.

"I'm mighty glad you came, Uncle Dan. I want to talk to you about the war. We have just put military training in our township high school, but we had a hard time to do it. The Joneses and the Greggs objected. They said the war wouldn't come over here. Grandma Jones said: 'They ain't no use to worrit, it will soon blow over.' Well, we put the training in just the same. You order heard Judge Brownell, the president of the school board, do the slackers up. He said unless we take off our coats and go to it, Germany may yet win, and if she does, she will take over the great British fleet as a war trophy and compel us to do what ever she wants to; that she could make us pay all the cost of the war; the kaiser could tax us as he pleased and that we couldn't help ourselves. He could make every one pay over a part of what he earns; that he could make the farmers pay rent for their own farms, etc. Now, Uncle, what do you think of that?"

"Well, my boy," said Uncle Dan, "all that Judge Brownell says might easily come true and may unless we go quickly to the aid of the allies with large numbers of men and help them break the German line. Unless we can beat the submarines, they may prevent us from getting enough food to the allies to keep them going. In that case Germany would win. As matters stand today, our greatest need is trained men. If we had had several millions of men with military training in our industries and on our farms when the war came, who could have been called at once for service, I do not believe the kaiser would have forced the war upon us. As it was, he had no respect for us, and now we are in it and must go through with it. But never again must we be caught so wholly unprepared.

"There is only one safe way," said Uncle Dan, "and that is to adopt permanently universal military training, apply it to every young man who is physically fit, say in his nineteenth or twentieth year. The training can be carried forward in the United States training camps that are now being established for training men called by the selective draft. As soon as these men vacate these stations, they should be filled by younger men, and this should be made the permanent policy of the country."

Billie's mother, Mrs. Graham, had overheard the conversation. She came out and said: "Really, Brother Dan, are you serious as to the dangers of our country? If it is as bad as that, it is high time for us to wake up and do something about it."

"Exactly," replied Uncle Dan. "It is better to wake up now than to be rudely awakened later. We may as well understand, sister, that this is our war and we must win it or God help America. Everything that we have or hope to have—our liberties, our blessings, our opportunities are all involved in the great issue before us. Nothing must stand between us and winning this war. It is a question whether the peoples' right or the kaiser's might shall dominate the world. If there ever was a holy war, this is it. We are fighting for world liberty. We are fighting for the freedom of humanity. We are fighting for the right of men to govern themselves instead of being governed against their will by a war-mad overlord. Perilous times are ahead of us. We must be prepared to make any sacrifice, to perform any service that may be required of us."

"Oh, Uncle Dan," exclaimed Billie, "may I bring my chum, Jimmie Collins, when we have our next talk? He is a bug on this war business and just crazy to see you."

"Certainly," said Uncle Dan, with a hearty laugh. "If we are to have more talks, I shall be glad to have Jimmie join us."

Billie clapped his hands and ran to the phone and told Jimmie to be over at seven o'clock the next evening.

**IS RED CLOUD CONGREGATIONALISM REBELLION AGAINST GOD?**

**I. Introduction.**

1. We endorse all real Christianity and fellowship all real Christian people in spite of their errors and lack of information. Our purpose in bringing this indictment against Congregationalism is not to condemn any misguided disciple of Christ, but to assist all such people to appreciate the truth of God and to enjoy GOSPEL LIBERTY. This complaint will be based upon the symbols, creeds, covenants, history and usage and manuals of Congregationalism, and will be amply sustained by the word of God.

2. There are three ways of judging error. While error as a system of religion will harmonize with some truth it will always conflict with one or more revealed truths of God. And I take the Bible as the very truth of God. It will also contradict itself and its fruits will reveal error.

3. Those who adopt a system of religious error when they have abundant opportunity to be rightly informed, sin against God. Those who sin should be reproved. Moses said: "Thou shalt in anywise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon Him." Lev. 19:17.

4. Congregationalism being a system of religious falsehood and in conflict with the Bible and inconsistent with itself, must be rebellion against God.

**II. Congregationalism Against The Word of God.**

1. It allows a group of uninspired men to set a test that can not be put in Bible language by which it judges others contrary to the word of God. Paul asks, "Why dost thou judge thy brother?" Rom. 14:10.

2. This system assumes the right to make man-made covenants a condition of church fellowship, thereby violating the word of St. Paul, "Receive ye one another as Christ also received us." Rom. 15:7. Did Christ ever make any such condition a test of fellowship?

3. Congregationalism robs Christ of His Divine Sonship, by confusing Father, Son and Holy Spirit into one God. (Red Cloud Manual, Article II) Peter contradicts this error in Matt. 16:16, when he said, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." Christ proclaimed this doctrine a revelation from heaven. Matt. 16:17. Congregationalism makes Christ equal with God. This is against the testimony of Christ, who said "My Father is greater than I." John 14:24.

4. It teaches created holiness or that holiness is a creation—in opposition to the Bible which makes holiness simple obedience. "Be ye holy for I am holy."

5. The Red Cloud Manual, Art. IV, sets aside the inspiration and the authority of the Bible and proclaims the absurd notion "that Christ was truly God and truly Man," and refers to John 1:1-4; 5:17-23; 14:9; Phil. 2:7-8; John 3:16. These scriptures absolutely refute this notion. John 1:1, when translated, says "In (a) beginning was the word and the word was a god (divine). Paul in Phil. says Christ was in the fashion of a man—not a literal human being. Christ "between God and men." I Tim. 2:5. The notion that Christ was truly God and truly man is to affirm and deny every attribute of divinity and humanity. If he was God He was infinite. If He was man, finite. If God then he had no beginning. If man, then he had a beginning. What an absurdity!

6. This system sets aside the New Testament practice of baptism by baptizing unconverted households. "Jesus made and baptized disciples." John 4:1. Disciples were baptized. Acts 19:1-5.

7. It baptizes those that have never been taught and are not even capable of being taught, contrary to Matt. 28:19. "Teach all nations baptizing them."

8. "Confession of Faith" is substituted for confession of Christ. Luke "confess me before men," "shall confess Jesus is the Christ." I John 2:15.

9. This system sets aside "confession of sin," and teaches a "confession of penitence for sin." God commands confession of sin, not penitence. "Confess your faults," J. 1:9. "If we confess our sins," I John 1:9.

10. Congregationalism teaches that a local society has the right to make creeds and set them up as tests of membership contrary to the word of God. "Receive ye one another as Christ also received us." Rom. 14:5.

11. It insists on its own interpretation of the Scripture only being admissible, violating the word of God which says "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Rom. 14:5.

12. It insists on submission to man made rules of Church Government, contrary to the express word of God, which says Christ "is the head over all things to the church." Eph. 1:22.

13. They virtually assume the principle of infallibility. (Red Cloud Manual) "weigh well these engagements from which you can NEVER escape." Nevertheless God says "your agreement with Hell shall not stand." Isa. 28:18.

14. This system of error teaches Infant Baptism, against the practice of the New Testament. "For Jesus made and baptized disciples." John 4:1.

15. It makes too much of Water Baptism and sets up this ordinance as the Seal of Grace. Paul denies this for he says, we are "sealed with the Holy Spirit." Ep. 1:13. (See Red Cloud Manual.)

16. It puts Water Baptism in the place of the Holy Spirit and utterly degrades religion—in these words—"Baptism is the seal," contrary to the words of St. Paul, who says "Sealed with the Holy Spirit." Eph. 1:13.

17. It teaches baptism on the faith of another, while the Bible allows baptism of those who believe for themselves. (Covenant of Infant Baptism.) "He that believeth and is baptized." Mark 16:16. "If thou believest with all thine heart." Acts 8:37.

18. It makes Baptism a rite without any divine authority for Peter says "it is an answer to a good conscience." I Pet. 3:21.

made conditions, against the express teaching of the word of God. "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 11:47.

20. This system makes the salvation of infants depend on the faith of parents. Red Cloud Manual says, "Redeeming grace on condition of your faith (parents) is unto you and to your children." This is against the testimony of Christ. "Except ye be converted and become as little children." Matt. 3:18. "For such is the Kingdom." Luke 18:16.

21. This system claims the right to name the church and give it an unwarranted name, setting aside the authority of God. "Thou shalt be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name." Isa. 62:2. "Called Christians at Antioch." Acts 11:26.

22. This system boldly advocates Sectarianism. (Page 106-7, Law of Cong. Usage). God says: "Avoid them that cause division." Rom. 16:17. Paul advised "that there be no division among you." I Cor. 1:10.

23. It sets up artificial and man-made devices for church fellowship—"Give credible evidence of faith and works and assent to the prescribed covenant of admission." This is a virtual denial of the authority of Christ. Jesus says: "I am the Door." John 10:9.

24. This system impeaches the characters of its own membership. Jesus taught that "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold (church), but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1. This system votes people into church,—this is "some other way," and makes them "thieves and robbers."

25. By voting men into the Church it claims the power that belongs to Christ exclusively. Jesus says "I am the Door." "By me if any man enter." John 10:9. Here Jesus claims that the power of taking people into the fold—church is entirely in his power. "By me if any man enter."

26. A standing committee in this denomination has the keys of the kingdom. Those who desire to be in this so-called church must first appear before this committee for inspection and should this committee not be anxious for "joiners," and bring in an adverse report, the candidate would be left out in the cold world and the door would be closed by human authority! What mockery! Jesus took this question out of the hands of all committees when he said "By me if any man enter." John 10:9.

Rev. 3:7 shows that no man can open or shut the door of the kingdom of Heaven.

27. This system makes itself a judge and unless it is disposed kindly toward a candidate it may utterly reject him and blacken his name! This committee might be mistaken and recommend a sinner for membership or that some righteous person be refused fellowship—unless this committee might claim infallibility. No such power was ever entrusted to man. This puts the moral interests of an immortal soul in the hands of a committee and some times this committee is nothing but a group of backsliders and sinners. God utterly rebukes this sinful practice. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up, for God is able to make him stand." Rom. 14:4. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Rom. 14:5.

28. Not a portion and church membership under this religious scheme is not conditioned upon the same facts. They teach pardon outside of the church, while Jesus teaches those that "enter in shall be saved." John 10:9.

29. This system makes an unscriptural use of the word church and utterly deceives the people. They apply the term to a society composed of saints, sinners and hypocrites—while the apostles say that "the church is the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit."

30. This system of religion teaches doctrines not found in the Bible and can not even be presented in the language of the Bible, thereby rejecting the words of the Holy Spirit.

**III. Inconsistencies in the Congregational System.**

1. They praise the founders of their movement as spirit-led men and yet dare not preach or defend their doctrines.

2. They claim Christ is the head of their denomination and yet nickname themselves Congregationalists, thereby refusing to honor Christ as head of the church.

3. The first Congregational bodies in this country called themselves Church of Christ, or Christian church. "The first Christian Church of Boston, Salem, Brooklyn," yet modern Congregationalists denounce the word Christian and criticize those who follow the example of their own founders!

4. They say "the Bible is the only rule of faith, order and practice" and immediately deny by making creeds, covenants, manuals and forms of government not found in the word of God.

5. They teach that Christ is the author of church government and discipline and then assume the right to change both discipline and rules of government.

6. They claim to be the Church of Christ, and yet refuse to call themselves Church of Christ.

7. They claim to be the body of Christ, and yet reject the name of the head.

8. They claim to be the lamb's wife and yet refuse the name of Christ—the husband.

9. They admit Christ should have the preeminence in all things and then proceed to rob him of his glory in the name of the Church and exalt a system of government—Congregationalism!

10. They teach that creeds are not essential and yet proceed to bind them on men's consciences. The Red Cloud Manual, made and adopted April 1st, 1892, has a creed and some of the doctrines stated in the articles are absolutely false!

11. They claim to be a Christian church but refuse to call themselves such. Are they ashamed of Christ?

12. They are ashamed of sinners for violating the commands of God—and yet they violate the command of God in making division and usurping legislative functions.

13. They talk union and practice division.

14. They claim to be religious and yet adopt an irreligious name, Congregationalist.

15. They admit that other denominations are as good as their own, yet compass land and sea to make Congregationalists.

16. They claim their system keeps out bad people, yet they have Unitarians, Trinitarians, Evolutionists, Adventists, Millennial-Dawnites, Second Chance advocates and criminals in their ranks.

17. They claim apostolic succession and yet refuse to teach and practice what the apostles taught and practiced, "one truth, one Lord, one baptism, one body-church, and one mind and religion."

18. They teach infants should be baptized, but refuse them a place at the communion table.

19. They baptize people into Christ's name and then call them Congregationalists!

20. They pretend to love God and yet devote more time, money and energy to proselyte people to Congregationalism in many communities than they do in building up the body of Christ—the Church of Christ.

These statements showing the character of Congregationalism will be sufficient to caution every honest soul against this system of error and religious superstition. If any advocate of Congregationalism cares to defend his position or answer this complaint, arrangements can be made to accommodate him to his full satisfaction.

**IV. Remarks.**

1. Congregationalism is rebellion against God. It repudiates the authority of Christ by its practice and is in no sense a Church of Christ.

2. We do not un-Christianize sincere people,—but we caution them against sinning against light, for "light is the measure of guilt."

3. If you are "persuaded in your own mind" that Congregationalism is not Bible Christianity, then you impeach yourself by giving it your support, and give comfort to the enemies of God.

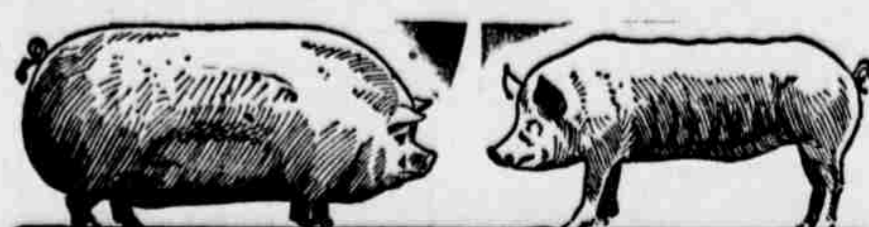
4. As a matter of common honesty and self-respect, every well-informed person will be forced to abandon Congregationalism or stand condemned before every honest heart in the land!

5. The Holy Spirit is not a denominational or party spirit. You can not have the spirit of God and a party spirit at the same time, for the spirit of God is not divided. The Holy Spirit is not a denominational spirit. It is the spirit of truth, love, union, and of ONE BODY—the body of Christ, and outside of the body of Christ—the Christian Church—there is no Holy Spirit or salvation.

6. Finally, God invites his misguided saints, his people, to come out of these sectarian institutions. That ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues. Her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities. She shall be burned with fire for strong is the Lord that judgeth her. Alas! Babylon-Sectarianism is fallen. Up! Get you out of this religious Sodom lest the curse of God and the fires of Heaven consume your soul—for God will overthrow all sectarianism. In Christ only. J. L. BEEBE, Red Cloud, Nebr.

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