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He heads each of them by the titles of the world TULIP. But when you look into it you find that practically none of them use that terminology. Hardly a case! I was interested to notice that in the report on the Conference on Reformed Theology held down here at Tenth Church, Prof. Nicole of Gorden talked and he began that he wasn't much for acrostics. He did not feel this wasnecessarily a reasonable arrangement. He spoke rather definitely on that. I was interested to note that.

Neher: Is he the only one you have heard who has raised that sort of question?

AAM: I have not read a great deal, I have not read a lot of popular materials on these subjects. My field is didferent. My field is the St. Interpretation of the OT. I haven't read a great deal of material on it. I don't remember hearing of a Five Point Calvinist in my early years at all. That does not prove it. I'd heard of Calvinism of course, but Five Point Calvinism! I don't know when it got so widespread. It is definitely false to history, It is definitely a new usage. You spoke about Spurgeon on the Five Points. Dees Spurgeon ever used the word Five Points? Does he use this terminology?

Neher: Those sermons in the book are sort of picked out because they characterize-- they handle areas of discussion.

AAM: Speaking of Spurgeon. I was greatly interested some years ago, we had quite a stirr in Faith Seminary. Some were reading Ian Murray on the invitation system and were all excited about that. They had a book by Ian Murray-- The Forgotten Spurgeon. The first ch. told how Spurgeon would not give invitations, etc. He They made a big thing of that. But as you go through the book, he had a big section on Spurgeon's controversy against the hyper-Calvinists. Big section on that. My guess is that Spurgeon held