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service, Remnison Byrd sitting beside me said, Great speech! Great speech! The next year, my graduate year, this professor of English who had wanted us to become a national fraternity, he was trying to get the students to request that we do away with==== they used to have the two highest scholarly marks in the class speak, and also two others, so that they would be sure they had two who could speak --- so they'd have four. He wanted to get the students to ask to do away with that and instead have a good speaker from outside. He thought it would be so much better. So he was talking with someone and I was with him and he was talking and urging and I guess he just got a little heated with the discussion and went beyond what he should have. He said, Many a time President Byrd has said in faculty meeting, Anybody w could get a hand out of that kind of an audience; like MacRae did last year with a plea for the old faith. He said there will never be another Alan MacRae on the Occidental platform!

But then Alvin MacLain had had two years of college and then had gone to seminary and then I think had been a missionary and came back. And after I'd left Occidental he went there and took his last two years. He was Valedictorian. I was in the audience. He was later President of Grace Seminary, the founder of it in fact. When I heard him, I said, Poof President Byrd, There's another Alan MacRae on the Occidental College Platform.

There's an awful lot that could be said, \*\* but that brings out a few incidents. Some \* I hadn't particularly through of to mention at this point. But I think they are good illustrations of what we had in mind. When I think of it there were probably, let's say in 1900 I wouldn't be surprised if there were three or four hundred small colleges in this country founded by different denominations, founded to train people for the ministry and giving