

around to me and gushed all over me, Oh how are you, so nice to see you, and everything. Which seemed to me as rather silly. He then turned to the other fellow who hadn't seen him for two years: Oh, how do you do Mr. Johnson. It seemed to me to be typical of the attitude so many people fall into. They want to stand for the truth. They believe in the truth. But their major emphasis is somewhere else. I felt that was the way it was with him very definitely.

Neher: Friendliness with people? Is that what you mean was his major emphasis?

His major emphasis, I thought was getting ahead. Getting people to like him. He wanted to be elected to ~~the Board of~~ important positions. He wanted to be looked up to in the church. Once in his class in pastoral theology --- in the church he had an assistant Bill Bryan == in his class in pastoral theology he said, When it comes to divorce, you can't look into all the questions and be sure whether a divorced person was the innocent party; so he said, the best policy is, Don't marry divorced people." The fellow next to me whispered: He just lets Bill Bryan take care of that!" I don't know whether that was a fair criticism or not, but it fit with my general impression of his attitude. Dr. Wilson got very indignant at him once, because he told me that when one of Dr. Wilson's daughter's died of tuberculosis before I knew Dr. Wilson, and when she was ill Dr. Erdman sent his car (Dr. Wilson didn't have a car) and took her out for a drive. Then when some issue in the General Assembly -- Wilson didn't stand with Erdman, Erdman rebuked him and said, Here I sent my car to take your daughter out for a ride. That's second hand --- my recollection of what Wilson said. I don't know if Erdman was quite as venial -- I guess