

then that was your seat during that class. I don't know how many classes met in this room. It was a great big auditorium. We Americans all on the second row, we put our names on the desk. So I had a seat right there in the second row, with Americans on both sides of me. When there was anything the professor~~x~~ said the students liked, it was the custom to hit the floor with your feet~~x~~. That was applause. That was the way the applauded. But if there was something they really didn't like, they might scrape the floor with their feet. ~~x~~ They didn't do that for Harnack. One day I got there and there was no other person on either side of me, so I was sort of isolated. These fellows just didn't happen to be there that day. Harnack was speaking about the NT canon. He said one effect of the NT canon was to hold the OT canon, was to set and maintain the OT canon by getting the NT canon established. Now, he said, some people wish that the NT had been lost in the early days of the Christian church. He said, I don't say that, but I personally would wish that the OT would be printed as a sort of appendix like the apocrypha is in German Bible's with words like the Apocrypha has "books not inspired but valuabel for read." When he said that, students all over the room applauded with their feet hitting the floor. But he said, You can be sure it won't be done the way I think it ought to be. I could not resist it. I thought if it was alright to applaud one statement, you certainly could not be critisized for applauding another. So I applauded alone in that case! Here I was very visible. Nobody was near me. I had not done it long before they were scrapping the floor all over.

Just to mention a peculiar thing. Ed Rian and Charlie