

I was told that somebody who visited the First Presbyterian Church there a few weeks after Fosdick had left it, and he was talking to one of the people. They said, How much nicer it is now! When Fosdick was preaching here there were such crowds came you could hardly get a seat!"

Fosdick--There was an article about him in Reader's Digest not so many years ago about his fine character and great influence. I would not be surprised if he had a real evangelical background. The year I was in BIOLA I went to a YMCA Conference in the _____ They had a minister of a Congregational Church in Berkely who was a fiery preacher. Everybody thought he was perfectly wonderful. It was quite evident he held strictly modernist views. As just a young student there, I said to somebody what a fine fellow he was, what zeal he had, and they told ---he himself mentioned once how various ministers came to him, and said, We can't understand it. They said, When we gave up the old-fashioned ideas and adopted the clear modern interpretations we lost our zeal. We don't hold the crowds the way we used to. They seem to have lost their interest. How do you maintain yours? when you've come to these views?" One time he talked to the students about the importance of the ministry. So I went to him just as an inquirer and I said, You spoke about the importance and opportunities of the ministry; would you mind telling me a little more about that?" Well, he said, I could give just two people that my life has influenced, and if that's all my life ever accomplished, it would be worth my life. He said, One of those people went out and became a great evangelist . (The man had come from Australia). He became a great evangelist in Australia, and he had a tremendous influence for good. Another man made a change in my ministry, and he went into the Australian