

exactly that same thing from walking by the seashore and I get a certain amount of it from that. Now here is another man who has never seen the seashore. He lives on the pararie and has never seen the seashore, he's never seen the mountains. He reads about these things. He doesn't get a full understanding. He looks at a map. He learns about the coast and about all the little bays and inlets that come in, and the little places that reach out and where it is safe to have ships and where ~~it~~ it is not, and so on. He will never be in position to say that he understands the seashore the way the man does who sits there and looks at the waves and gets a feeling of it. A man looks at --- goes to the mountains without any map and he wants to climb a high mountain. He goes up a hill and he finds he has to drop way down to get another one. And he works day after day and he never getste where he gets a good view. They say that when Ockenkawga - the highest mountain in South America -- was climbed, it teek them a mount<sup>month</sup> to find the mountain. You stand down at the seashore and you look up and Mt. Ockengwa sticks up like a sore tuumb. How could anyone ever miss it? But when you get in there there are all these other peaks and to find your way to it is very very difficult until you have a map. When you have a map you can get right to it in no time. You could try to get to the seashore and land in a bunch of marshes somewhere and never see the sea. But if you have a good map you can get to it very quickly and very easily. The map is essential, the map is important but the man in thepraries looking at the map of the mountains of the map of the seashore will never know what it means to see the sea or to see the mountains. It's exactly that way with Christian truth. To become a Christian, to be a Christian means a personal intimate relation with Christ and there is no substitute for itin reading, in thinking, in seeing anything, in hearing about/<sup>if from</sup>anybody else. We have to have ourpersonal experience with Him. The relation of the believer with Christ is what makes a Christian and a person mayknow the theology in theworld; he may know all the correct answers to all the theological questiens. He maybe able to give you the most orthadex statements on every doctrine; but if he has not personally known Christ, if he does not personally know Christ he is not a Christian. The map is important, the doctrine is important. It is important that you have it well in order that you may guide the people of God correctly. But if you ~~den't~~ have the personal intimate knowledge of Christ, if