

to serve God effectively. He was a man who devoted himself for many years to study to do it in the best possible way. He was a man who saw the errors of the situation of his time but did not feel it was his duty to fight on secondary matters but devoted himself to the primary matters of the love of Christ and the extension of the knowledge of the Lord. Naturally enough in this case people had mixed feelings about him. Fifty years after his death one of the Popes condemned his writings. He said they were heretical, because of some of their emphases. Another Pope fifty years after that said that this Pope had been wrong that his writings were good. I believe to this day that the Roman church permits him to be revered as a saint in Majorca, and in that section of Spain but not elsewhere in the world. He is considered one of the great pioneers of literature of that part of the world. He was a great Christian, a great follower of the Apostle Paul one who planted but seemed to have very little immediate results to show.

I had a friend who was a professor of theology in a theological seminary, and he told me that he had been a soldier in the first world war. He was in the Persian army. He said toward the end of that war the Germans made their great drive. And the troops fought and fought and were pushed back and back and back and back for about six weeks. They were pushed back, back, back, as they struggled to hold their position. Then he said the tide turned and they began to thrust (rush) forward. He said that first day they rushed forward and took back what they had lost in a week, and it was that great drive that finished the war. But before that first day was over he felt a little as if as if a little piece of dust got in his eye, and he went back to the first aid, and they looked at it and saw that a piece of shrapnel was in the eye. They sent him back to the rearer lines, and before the day was over he was in England in hospital, and they took out his eye and I thought how he fought and fought and fought and was driven back. Then there was the great exhilaration of the going forward and the success but he was taken out before -- before it was finished.