

in a church. He was here for 3 days in the Homiletics seminar. In the seminar he was reminded of things he'd learned when he was a student. He was reminded of these things, and when he went back to his church the people were surprised how much better he spoke. They testified as to how he'd improved.

We do go down down down. I don't speak a great deal, and I've gone down down down in these years. I know I could speak better 25 years ago than I can today. You need practice, but we give you practice. I was told of one Homiletics student who said, I take this course because I'm required to take it, but I can speak well enough. So I was told he'd come to class and give wonderful messages. They were well planned, but nobody listened to them because they weren't well delivered. So we put emphasis on not only having the truth but learning to speak it well. It is awfully hard to do because most people don't see the need of it. But it will make all the difference in the world in your effectiveness.

I heard about a woman who lisped, and she got a teacher to help her get over lisping. The teacher said, Say this: Sister Suzie sewing shirts for soldiers. And she practiced it over and over. Then she was with some friends and someone said, Let's hear her say that. So she said, Sister Suzie is sewing shirts for soldiers. But she said, But you know the trouble is it's an awfully hard sentence to work into a conversation!

So those are our 3 great emphases here. As I say, I don't believe in turning out Christian workers like you turn out sausages. You can't do it. It's a personal individual matter. I wish I could know every one of you well and help you in every possible way. I can't do it. I haven't the time or the strength. I'd like to know every one of you at least to recognize you if you would only tell me ~~your name~~ who you are when you talk to me. I'd like to be any possible help I can to you. Please, if there is something that comes up that you feel you would profit from a discussion with me, but there is no hurry about it, please go to the office. Tell them. They will make a date with me sometime within in the next week or two.

I like to keep as much of my mornings as I can for writing. But if you have an emergency anytime of day or night, don't hesitate to get in touch with me and I believe the whole faculty feel the same way. We want to help you in every possible way we can. Above all, let us remember it is the grace of Christ that makes life worthwhile. It is what Jesus did on Calvary's cross. If that is not prominent in our activities, it is all a waste of time. Let us pray.