

Church History Senior S 8

was the close connection with the increasing view of life as an evolution. Life as a development from one thing to another, life as a development under inherent forces which are bringing out new principles and new situations all the time, an extensive philosophy of life under which it was attempted to subsume the explanation of the Bible, the higher criticism, the explanation of most phases of life with an explanation which practically bows God out of His universe and so this great movement which really came into its heyday only since 1860 and 1875 has in the subsequent years spread rapidly through Germany with devastating effects upon the moral^{and}/religious life of the nation as is only too well known to all of us, spread from there to Great Britain and was more widely accepted in Great Britain than it has ever been in Germany. In Germany there was always a very large group which refused to accept the evolutionary theory or to accept the higher criticism, but in Great Britain there is hardly an educational institution of any standing in which it is not accepted and strenuously taught. I say hardly--there are a few which you would say have some standing but not great standing. In all the leading institutions of Great Britain the German theories have been taken over and have been propounded with greater dogmatism than has ever been the case in Germany and the effect has been evident on the religious life of the British people. Then from England they came over to America, from England and from Germany and it is within the last sixty years that they have come sweeping into this country. Dr. Buswell was mentioning how if you say something in New York in scholastic circles about belief in the resurrection of Christ or in a divine power ruling in the universe people would say, "Oh that was all right back in the nineties but it is out of date now." Well the nineties is not very far back. It's only fifty years back and after a history of two thousand years since the life of Christ has been so changed that what was perfectly all right in the nineties is today hopelessly out of date, that shows how recent is the spread through our universities