

Thus, when I was a boy patriotism was at its height. The United States had licked Great Britain twice and would be sure to do it again and could do it again at any time it wanted. That was the general attitude. The Civil War; everything right was on one side; everything wrong was on the other side, etc. I was always finding myself looking at the other side of each question. I was ex disgusted at the extreme jingoism that was held in the attitude toward the country, even though I felt that in the main it was good. After my year in Europe, which would have been sixth grade, if I had stayed in school here, I went to a Y. M. C. A. camp, and there the boys were all yelling, "Rah! Rah! for the President and the United States, etc." and I didn't feel England England should be left out so I would occasionally say, "Rah! Rah° for King George," and they began calling me "King George." Yet two years later, when the war broke out I no longer felt any special interest in England. In fact, I read in the papers that the very first thing that England and France did was to break the Atlantic cable from Germany so that all the news we got had to come through them, and I was very suspicious of them and had an inclination to try to see as much right as I could in the German side. I read in the paper once during that war of an American from Canada who went and volunteered in the army to fight against the German because it said he had a great hatred for the German because they had killed his brother. The thought came to me immediately: his brother was killed because he was in the army trying to kill g Germans; how unreasonable for him then to hate Germans for that, when his brother had been trying to kill them. Thus I always had a skeptical attitude and an attitude of looking at the other side of every ~~question~~ question. This probably was one thing that saved me through college because everything, the whole attitude of many of the professors was humanistic and anti-Christian, and as I would listen to their presentations I could see many holes in their arguments, and, while, by the end of college my certainty of Christianity was greatly shaken, yet I felt that for every problem they could raise with Christianity I could find an equal one with the views x that they were presenting. I then went to the Bible INstitute for a year to strengthen