

In the Presbyterian church, at the early part of the century, the overwhelming majority of the ministers were conservative as were the colleges of the denomination. But in the early years of the century these colleges were gradually taken over by modernists. The dean of the college I attended once said that they often got criticism of their scientific departments on account of the teaching of evolution and so in order to offset this they worked very hard to make sure that the departments of literature and history remained conservative. However, the change there occurred right at about the time when I was a student. Only a few years before, this college had been known as a great conservative institution. In fact, one of its presidents boasted in my presence that there were a larger percentage of its graduates in ministerial and missionary work than any other college in the county. It was considered a great bastion of Christian faith. Only a few years later the modernists had to a large extent taken over its institutions.

When I entered I took a course in history in which the professor said on the first day about new discoveries about a very ancient people called the Sumerians that had only recently become known at all. I raised my hand and asked whether they were pre-deluvian or post-deluvian. She asked, "What?" I repeated, "Were they pre-deluvian or post-deluvian?" When she caught just what the word was she said, "Oh, they were so far back that the flood doesn't enter into it at all." I could not understand how you could be so far back that you could not be either before the flood or after. But it gave me a realization of the unbelief that was entering the teaching of the college. The college formerly had a great Christian teacher and missionary—H.W. Kellogg, as teacher of Bible, but either when I entered, or a year or two before, they had received a new President from the Middle West—Silas Evans. Dr. Evans had insisted when he came that he must teach the Bible courses himself and so they had dropped R. Kellogg. I am not sure whether this was a full reason for his getting the ride of Dr. Kellogg. However Evans always impressed me as very unsatisfactory. He—I believe I was in the Sophomore class when he told us about his freshman ~~text~~ course in the Gospels and said how interesting it was to see what were the Freshman's ideas