

for chapel #6

When I was in Los Angeles and some of my fellow students had gone to Princeton Seminary and spoke so highly of it that I had decided to go there myself. During the summer before I went was when I first heard of Dr. J. Gresham Machen. Right on the front page of our Los Angeles paper there was an article about him. It said that Henry Van Dyke, the celebrated writer and member of the faculty of Princeton U. had walked out from the ~~First~~ First Presbyterian Church of Princeton as Dr. Machen was preaching and said that what he was giving was "a billious travesty of the gospel." It was about this time--shortly before actually--that I had been given a copy of Machen's book, Christianity and Liberalism, in which he showed the incursion of liberalism into various denominations at that time and ~~even~~ demonstrated that it is not merely another religion from Christianity but belongs to an entirely different type of groups of religion.

When I went to Princeton Sem. I found a group of professors who thoroughly believed in the Bible and it was very refreshing to hear their lectures. Unfortunately most of them were very poor teachers. Dr. Machen was a first class teacher but many of the others were not. ~~It~~ They were very good scholars, most of them. The student body was made up of a third of people like myself who had come to Princeton because ~~it~~ of its strong outstanding Christian teaching and they had come from many different denominations for its strong stand for the faith. About a third were sons of ministers probably their parents were orthodox ministers, trained in sound conservative ~~in~~ seminaries but men who had attended Princeton Sem. in earlier years and their sons had gone to so-called Christian colleges and been greatly affected by the teaching. Among this part of the Student Body there was an attitude toward life and toward morality that was quite different from that among the ~~maxxx~~ majority of the students. There was considerable divergence among the attitude of students. One whom I did not like right from the start was Prof. Loetscher. He had a great sonorous voice but could make Church History ^{as} about as dully ~~was~~ as anyone possibly could. In his very first lecture I was shocked to hear him say "the heterodoxy of today is the orthodoxy of tomorrow." I was shocked