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It should be mentioned that Max was a year or two, I forget which, ahead of me in college. I don't know how soon it was after I started, but sometime during that year I became aware of him. He was a very earnest Christian fellow. He felt that Christians should go into athletics in order to make contacts and to show that Christianity is a virile thing. He was not a man of particularly prepossessing appearance, nor was his voice or manner outstanding, but he was ~~an~~ as earnest a Christian as I have ever met. After he graduated from Occidental he went to San Francisco Seminary but he was not affected by the Modernism there, so far as I know. He went into the old Presbyterian church and I had no contact with him for many decades. From that church he went into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Then, shortly before the RP's left us, nearly thirty years ago, now, Tom Cross mentioned in one of our synods that ~~there~~ a new man had come from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church into the Bible Presbyterian Church named Max Stowe who was an old friend of Dr. MacRae. This was just before the ~~the~~ RP's left us, and the church with which he continued to be was at first called the Evangelical Presbyterian and then united with one branch of the ~~the~~ Reformed Presbyterian and it took that name. For many years I had no contact with him. Then I heard that he was spending his summers at Harvey Cedars where his wife was acting as secretary to Mr. Oldham. Now ^{the Christian Admiral at Cape May} one summer I was at ~~Harvey Cedars~~ for a ~~couple~~ couple of weeks and spoke over the radio some and I received a phone call from him that he and his wife would come down there to visit me. They came and we had lunch together and a very nice talk although I did not learn a lot about him then because he had developed a nervous ailment which caused him to speak so fast that it was almost impossible to understand what he said. However, his wife spoke very clearly and I was much interested in what I learned about him from her. She had evidently been a ~~secretary~~ secretary in a church. He had done a ~~great~~ great deal of work with young people and I heard either from him or