

that's as scholarly as any institution you'll ever find, an institution which stands solidly on the truth, the inspiration of the Word of God. And so all of the students of Princeton Seminary, during the years when the conflict was coming to a crisis, and I had the privilege of being on quite friendly terms with some of the leaders in the seminary at that time, and hearing a good deal of the inside ~~of the~~ working. It was interesting to see, day after day, how the thing was working out, and how these forces were accumulating and moving forward in the attempt to destroy the witness of Princeton Seminary. I have mentioned the good things about Princeton Seminary. I think in passing that we should mention that as I was there I couldn't help noticing certain features of it that were not so good. And these features as I said were largely negative, rather than positive; they were omissions, they were lacks, but they were definitely bad. I remember hearing one of the professors saying once in the classroom, "It's possible to keep up your spiritual life even in a theological seminary," and I must say I found ~~it~~ that the statement was a true statement my own self. There was wonderful true teaching and there was a great devotion to the Word of God on the part of many faculty members and many students, but there was about the institution as a whole a coldness, <sup>there was a/</sup> a deadness. There was a difficulty in maintaining your spiritual life, and as I thought a while I thought, "Why should it be this way? A place where you <sup>'re</sup> studying the Word of God and you're learning to be a speaker for Christ your spiritual life <sup>is being</sup> ~~should-be-strengthened~~ all the time and built up, not a place ~~where~~ where there was that coldness and deadness that is difficult to escape, but there was that in the atmosphere, and you couldn't avoid feeling ~~it~~ there was that coldness and that lack of emphasis on the spiritual life. Well, I don't think that should be given as so much a criticism of the institution that there was something wrong there, as that there was a lack of something that was needed. The spiritual life does not just automatically grow, it needs <sup>anxious</sup> ~~to~~ be cultivated. The devil is always <sup>to</sup> tear down our spiritual life and he'll use the best possible instrument that you can find, that's for good purposes, as