

you got into it the more clearly you saw how dependable the Word of God was. That contact with ~~that~~ Dr. Machen and Dr. Wilson ~~was~~ and those others there who were so determined to see just ~~w~~ exactly what the facts are in God's Word and how they fit with God's book was an influence for which I will always thank the Lord. One of Dr. Machen's great points was that the Christian faith is intellectually defensible. That it is a reasonable faith. ~~With~~ Not that we can prove Christianity by intellectual measures. We get it by revelation of God, and we could never get out of our heads nor out of observation of the world. But when we take what God has given us and compare it with the facts that we can get from observation we find that they fit in the direction of its being true and not in the direction of its being false. Now it's a slow, hard study. And it's much easier if you simply take it, and I believe it, and that's all there is to it, but in our day I think there's a special need of this hard, careful study to get the facts and to see what they are and if God created the world, and if God wrote this book, God's world and God's Word are going to fit together when you get all the facts. And I have found that the further you get into it, the more you find that is the case. Well, that is what I liked particularly about Princeton Seminary, but just one other pays to mention. At Princeton Seminary there was a strong emphasis, particularly on the part of the men I mentioned, on solid work. ~~graining~~. Solid graining--getting down and digging. They took the heater; they took the grate; they took the apologetics. They took these solid things; they dug; they worked; and there were many people ~~in~~ at that time all over this country, who said, "Oh, Princeton Seminary, that's an old place." They said, "They are just following these old dead things." They said, "You go to Union Seminary and you'll get the latest methods. You'll get the up-to-date way of doing things." They said, "You go there and they train you to accomplish ~~some-~~ ^{dead} thing. At Princeton they just dig away in these o'd/things." Well, the influence was very effective and lead many ~~is~~ men to who would have gone to Princeton all along. But this ~~observed~~ as during my summers I went