

While I was there they got new members in the English department who were quite remote from Christian views. But in general the teaching was pretty much true to Scripture.

Neher: Why did they get these ones who were more liberal? Who was responsible for that?

AAM: In any institution, your leadership has to think of two things: they have to think of getting sufficient funds for ^{material} ~~material~~ support to keep the thing going, to build it up as they would like and they have to think of their standing. They were anxious to get people with standing. They had a good academic standing, and they wanted to keep it. They wanted to raise it. They wanted == the trustees were probably largely good, Christian people who were anxious to maintain a good Christian college. Though even when I entered one member of the Board of Trustees was Dr. Freeman of the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, a graduate of Princeton Seminary. But I never heard of any really Christian teaching that he ever gave. I think it was quite a while before people caught on to the fact that his teaching wasn't Christian. He had a lot of pious terminology and a beautiful Scotch brougue. People just loved to hear him preach.

But the bulk of your trustees in most institutions don't have much theological understanding. In most institutions. Someone once said to me, It's very important who is picked for college president because if a man succeeds as college president he can get almost whoever he wants on to the faculty and also on to the Board. As a matter of fact, after our == my first year there -- it was the second year, I think of the new president -- Cyrus Evans who had been president I believe of Ripon College in the middle west. I don't know why they got him, how they got him. He was just filled with pious terminology. He would say, If Jesus Christ is not Lord