

basic Christian teaching in defense of Scripture. There were many fine men there of that type. They came from many different denominations. When in the classes the bulk of what we got was good, solid, sound stuff. In theology I must say, when he would discuss Lutherism -- I didn't know anything about Lutheranism

Neher: Which teacher is that?

AAM: This was Caspar Wistar Hodge, grandson of Chas. Hodge. When he discussed Lutheranism, the picture that he gave of it sounded so idiotic, that I could not believe that Lutherans could be quite that stupid. But I didn't see how the matters he discussed were matters which were primary or of great importance, but he certainly made them sound like numskulls. I was a little bit irritated at that, but I never really went into that. One member of the faculty who seemed to be you might say strongly sectarian, was Dr. Loetcher in Church History. Dr. Loetcher, I was rather disgusted with right at the start because the very first day he said, "The heresy of today is the orthodoxy of tomorrow. But that does not mean that every heresy, including the Fosdickian is going to become orthodoxy." I did not like the emphasis. He would come out very strongly on particular Calvinistic points but on other matters --- Oh, yes, and he hated premillennialism, but on other matters he seemed irenic. It didn't matter much. The Lord's will would be done in any case.

I told Dr. Machen once, "You might not be sure whether Loetcher is a Christian or not, but you would not have any doubt he's a Calvinist!" Machen didn't like that a bit. He said, "If he's a Calvinist, of course he's a Christian. But in general