

at the university. She asked -- the classics students were a sort of club. She was secretary. They had speakers occasionally so they arranged for me to speak. I sent them a list of 5 suggested subjects. One was the relation of archaeology to the Bible. They picked that one. I went to this classics club at which these Jewish and other students sat smoking.

I talked on archaeology to them, then had dinner with the professor -- I'm not exactly sure what he taught. I think his father had been professor of psychology in Cornell before. A rather famous man. I had dinner with him and he said, My you must have an awful lot of invitations to speak when you have this interesting material! Actually that's the only time I ever did speak in a university at a general meeting like that. I enjoyed that sort of thing. I did not have a great many opportunities of that kind. The best I have had have been through Inter-Varsity. I've spoken at a number of their meetings.

I spoke in '47 for a month in Canada. We had about 150 students there from all over the U.S. and Canada. I asked them to fill out a questionnaire for me. One question was, Have you been bothered by the higher criticism? With most it was no problem to them. But then as I got to talking to them I found they did not even know what the higher criticism was and practically every one of them had been affected in his thinking by higher critical teachings in college.

I did not go into it a great deal in my regular lectures, but had some special meetings with those who were interested and at least half of them turned out. What abilities any of us have the Lord has given us. Given abilities and deficiencies. We're all different. Whatever we have inherited from our genes, whatever we have from our upbringing and background, we can't help that. Nothing in that to feel happy about, or sad about. But what we do with it, that is what we're responsible for, the use we make of it. I feel as if I could have made far more use.

Of course should not feel too sure of that. Because while the Lord has given me most wonderful health -- I've never missed teaching a class through illness in my life. Whenever I got sickness -- it was rare, but if I did it was at Christmas vacation, etc. It was very rare. I've had remarkable health. But I believe I inherited a somewhat weak nervous system. As a child I used to get very nervous. I'd do a lot of reading and get very nervous, high-strung. When I was in college, I learned that if I went off in the mountains and walked for 2 or 3 days, I would come back a different person. Helped me. I was fortunate to learn that young. And fortunate to be able to utilize that. So all my life I've done a great deal of walking in the wilderness. It has kept me in marvellous condition.

I used to keep a heavy schedule/ taught 10 - 15 hours a week and used to lecture 4 hours straight in afternoons many times. After a couple of weeks (3 at most) my nerves would be very tired. I'd get off, walk for a couple days, and be fine again.