

and they were rather heavy. My wife has occasionally taken them with her to go to an opera in order to occasionally get a good view of the singers through them. I have rarely used them at all. The dinner and the brief program at the end was a pleasant occasion.

I have no recollection of any particular attention given to any subsequent ~~my~~ birthday of mine until I/~~was~~^{became} seventy. This was ~~XXXX~~ during our first year at Biblical. There were some plans for a celebration of my seventieth birthday but they were shelved. And without telling me plans were made to celebrate it about a month after the time.~~XXXX~~^{When it came} I was simply told that there was to be a seminary banquet held at Christopher Dock. I do not know whether I had any intimations of the fact that I was to be given special recognition. When we got there I was surprised to find Dr. Van Til there, and with him another teacher at Westminster. Without my knowing it, Phillip Vivian had been flown in from Chicago for the occasion. Toward the beginning of the meal the people began to sing "Happy Birthday to You" which surprised me, particularly as my birthday was at least (not ~~xx~~ really) a month past. However, I did not on a new suit that had been purchased for the banquet, and a new shirt that I had been given on my birthday but which proved to be so tight that I really could hardly wear it, although the neck was of the right size. It was the first time I ever remember in my life getting a shirt ~~XXXXXX~~ that was tight on me. Twice since I got a shirt that I could not wear. There seems to be a great movement to skimp on the ~~xxx~~ size of shirts in recent years. Signe said lately that I should ask for "full cut" when I buy a shirt.

On that occasion preparations had been made with very elaborate preparations without my knowing anything about it, and they had asked Dr. ~~XXXX~~ Van Till to say a few words of congratulation to me on a tape that they could play. He expressed an interest in attending and so he came and not only that, but brought a friend with him. I heard As I stood near these two before the meeting started, the other man, I think it was the man who now teaches church history there named Davis, although there might be an error in my recollection, but I don't think there is] (where [start?) Davis said him, referred to ~~XXXXXXXX~~ something and said, "I am glad to see you go where I do myself" or something like that - to go for the jugular. I got the impression from