

made ~~me~~ other similar remarks which, while seeming to be, or pretending to be rather gracious, actually downgraded us and our efforts. I was told later that Eleanor Murray, who was in the background somewhere, was holding (nc) Drs. Mr.(?) at what he said, and I myself felt the same way. Probably the next event (nc) was Dr. Vannon giving presenting (nc) me with the Book of Remembrance. They had written to everyone they could think of who might be interested in giving a letter of appreciation for me. There were about two hundred letters, I believe, which were bound together into a book. Many of them were from people I had not heard of for years some of them ~~xxx~~ were from people that /~~when~~ who I was greatly surprised to find had contributed to it. I was called forward and handed this book by Vannon, and then given an opportunity to thank him and to /~~respond~~ respond. Though quite irritated at the talk given by the ~~xxx~~ Westminster man, the thought occurred to me to speak of the progress of my life, how I had gone to Princeton Seminary to study there, and that I had gotten much of value, but that I had made progress later, that after all Princeton is only the name of a town. Then I said, I went to Westminster and taught there, and I said, "This was a step /up because Westminster, though like Princeton, the name of place, is a name that has had a great importance in church history because of the writing of the ~~xxx~~ Westminster Confession at Westminster Abbey. Then I said, "I stepped ~~up~~ further up when I went to Faith Seminary which because Faith is not simply the name of a place important in church history but the name of a quality extremely important in the life of a Christian. Now, I have made still a greater step of progress because I have come to a ~~xxx~~ place not named simply after a subject of quality but after that which is the very foundation of our Christian life and Christian knowledge, and is therefore called "Biblical." I do not know whether this whimsical presentation was did anything to erase any harmful effect that Davis' talk might have had.

All in all, this seventieth birthday celebration was a very pleasant occasion and it was very nice to see Phillip Vivian, but the thing in it that stands out in my memory more acutely than anything else was Davis' talk, and all in all I felt I would