

have been happier although I was very glad to get the book of letters, I felt that all in all that I would have been happier if the birthday could simply have been disregarded.

However, I did feel that it was a helpful propaganda for the new seminary and perhaps a help in our getting underway under way and for that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reason ~~XX~~ I was glad of the occasion.

In view of all the work and interest that people put into planning the occasion I would not wish this said out of the way (nc) to offend anyone. Yet it is the way I have always felt about ~~the~~ birthdays.

Perhaps I felt somewhat happier about the next birthday celebration that I recall, which was five years later. My wife told me that on my birthday 75th birthday she told me a little before the occasion that she was going to have all the faculty for a dinner and that there would be so many we would have to use my study for the purpose. ~~M~~ The desks were moved over tightly to the ~~XXXXX~~ side of the wall and everything ~~/XXXXXXXXXX~~ that could be cleared ~~XXXXX~~ out of the room was removed from it. Big tables were put in and of course the Murays were here with us, and also the whole (nc) faculty and their wives. I believe that was the total number of people present. It did make a sizable group. There might have been one or two others but I don't think of ~~xfwho~~ they were. I believe that was the occasion when Mr. and Mrs. Harris--I believe it was Robert Harris, came and served. It was very kind of them. ~~X~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and was a great relief to my wife. I had become aware of them a year or so earlier when they had been attending our church a short time. For a time they were extremely friendly with us (nc) I enjoyed the contacts with them. Then about three years ago they moved on to a place in New Jersey and left without even saying goodbye to us, which surprised me greatly. Once we had them here for, I believe it was for New Year's, for dinner, and they stayed through the afternoon and stayed for supper and did not leave until along in the evening. It was the two of them and two children. On the seventy-fifth birthday it was an excellent (?) (nc) ~~and~~ a very pleasant occasion. Then we went upstairs, and most of the time up there Jack Murray talked, giving most interesting stories about ~~the~~ recycling (??) In recent years I have no opportunity hardly ever an opportunity to hear Jack say