

Church History Senior S 8

with such/^{great} force and power of the evolution conquests and of the higher criticism. Further details on these matters of course you've had in other classes and so I want to go on to see the very important factor in the life of, particularly of America during the last century and a half or at least the first two-thirds to three-fourths of this last century and a half. This I entitle "American Revivals. We have already noticed the great awakening and its great effects in America. Many people seem to have the impression that revivals began with Dwight L. Moody. Certainly--or with Billy Sunday. Certainly they reached as high a point with Dwight L. Moody as they have ever reached but they did not begin there. They were characteristic of American life long before the time of Moody. We noticed the camp meetings which the Presbyterians originated and which the Methodists took over and carried on to a much greater extent than the Presbyterians had in this country and how in these great camp meetings before 1800 there were great numbers of conversions and the effect upon the life and thought of America was tremendous. I'd like to mention a revival which is a little different type from the usual type, the revival which came at Yale University under Timothy Dwight, the grandson of Jonathan Edwards. Timothy Dwight, who wrote that wonderful hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" Timothy Dwight, a very learned man and a very eloquent Congregational preacher, was born in 1752 and died in 1817 and in 1795 he was elected president of Yale College. Timothy Dwight previous to that time had been much disturbed by conditions after the revolutionary war. He had seen the great amount of worldliness and immorality which had come into American life through the war conditions, and he had led in great meetings, great revival meetings through New England and in other parts of the United States, but now he was retired into academic life and took his part as president of Yale College, as it was called then in 1795, and he had not been long in the college before he realized that although in the college no professor would think of teaching anything that he considered contrary to the Bible, the Bible was accepted by Yale College as understood through the belief of the founders of the college and to be entirely true and