

one of them said that the professors there gave their material so fast and so much of it that it was all you could do to write it down without having time to think, and you almost without ~~realizing~~ realizing it, swallowed it, and were tremendously influenced by it. But, he said, "the few of us who were married, we'd go home and we'd ~~at~~ tell our wives and they'd say, " Oh, do you really believe that?" He said it seemed so strange to them when they hear it that ~~x~~ it makes us stop to think about it and hesitate.

Francis and Edith ~~were~~ speak in a way in book about Westminster that I believe shows a great softening of their attitude toward it ~~the~~ through the years, and she even said somewhere that it does not hold now the attitude that it did then. As a matter of fact I believe it holds it more tenaciously and more strongly even than it did then. If it had not been for my influence ~~on~~ on him, I have no question that he would have stayed there; he and Doug would have stayed there, and it seems to me very likely that they ~~would~~ would have come out with very close to the same attitude that the rest of the graduates at that time had when ~~w~~ they graduated. In that case, with ~~their~~ their great energy and ability they ~~would~~ would have had an influence, but it would be mostly an influence within the Orthodox Presbyterian Church advancing the peculiar attitude that that church has and continues to have. There would have been an outreach but with the attitude they would have had I ~~don't~~ don't see how it ever could have been as great an outreach as it is now. The evangelistic fervor would have largely been cooled off, the premillennialism would have been destroyed, and I don't think the influence more than a third as great as it has been, and while some of it would have (nc) been very good, I believe that much of it would have been harmful rather than good. So my inclination is to think that if the accomplishments of my life add to their influence and what effect they had on the world are added up, one of the most important, perhaps almost as great as all the rest put together, is the fact that the influence of the Schaeffers is so helpful and so good and so fine and that it would not have been if it had not been for my influence on him. g This is only a private memorandum expressing my conjectures and thoughts about events and people. But the thing that interested me was that have (?) certain changes of attitudes that I had seen lately and the way I am dealt with in the book or ignored in the book as a whole I think goes back to a misunderstanding which deeply affected Edith at that time without my ever dreaming of such a thing and which has affected her attitude ever since.