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Last Friday we had perhaps more visiting than perhaps in a long, long time. It began with Mr. Dunbar's (Dr.?) coming to see me in the morning. He came at 11 and was going to leave at 12. Then Grace asked him whether he wouldn't stay and have a sandwich with us. So he was with us until nearly two o'clock. I was greatly interested in the talk with him. He spoke with extreme frankness about other members of the faculty at Trinity. If I recall <sup>correctly</sup> directly he said they have 1200 students now. I well remember the day when Kenneth Kantzer told me about the efforts to <sup>get him to</sup> go there. That was in 1963--twenty years ago. During that time Kantzer changed a small and rather unimportant seminary to a large institution that has many students and a large number of faculty members, and is exerting an influence for good, I believe, in the Christian world. Mr. Diffenderfer, I remember, used to refer rather contemptuously to it as "that smorgasbord." This fits the fact that the seminary there, ~~while~~ while trying to stand foursquare for the great fundamentals has a very definite policy of not taking a stand on denominational issues. When Only a year or two after Kantzer went there I saw him at a meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, and at that time he told me how the Evangelical Free Church, the denomination that supported the seminary, had asked that the seminary give a special course in history and doctrine of the Evangelical Free Church, and require students who come from the Evangelical Free Church to take this course. Now it may be that I did not hear this directly from Kantzer but from someone else connected with the institution. My ~~memory~~ memory is slightly vague on that point. I do remember that I heard it at a meeting at which he was present. At any rate I was told then that Kantzer <sup>took</sup> a very positive stand that he would not permit such a course in the institution. I know that they have men there who hold views very close to the Dallas view, and they have others who are very close to the Westminster view. There is a very considerable variety. Before that institution In that institution Doug Young had been dean for a number of years before Kantzer took it over. During most of this time Young had been interested in developing his institution in Jerusalem and consequently had not made that seminary a primary objective. I guess he had kept it going about as it had been before. However,