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work from Occidental than from any other institution in America. I said to myself, as if speaking to him, "If you have your way it will be quite different," and I believe it is very different from that now. I was there in a transition period. Two or three years before I went it probably was an outstanding Christian school. There was at that time a rather close relation between it and the Los Angeles Bible Institute which was about six miles away. Students used to go down there and go out with their teams to speak different places and there were very active Christian groups on the campus. Up until about a year before I left the president of the college had been a man named John Willis Baer. He had been known throughout the East (of the US?) as "Jack Baer," as one of / a group with John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer, who ~~were~~ were considered very fine Christian workers and very active in the Lord's work. He had gone to California and I don't know much about his history except that he was greatly beloved of the students. When I entered many of the more advanced students had big pictures ^{of} / him (on their walls?) He spoke ~~was~~ once or ~~w~~ twice in assembly while I was there, so I really ~~pevery~~ had practically no contact with him. When he left the college he took a position in a bank in Pasadena. After he left for a while the dean, Dean Burt, was acting president. Dean Burt was I believe a fine Christian man, perhaps a bit too much inclined to put Christian teaching in a rather hidden, perhaps, some would say, overintellectualized language. He taught a Sunday School class in the church we attended and my father was very fond of his teaching. He seemed to give a rational understanding of so many Christian things. Shortly before I entered Occidental it got a new president, a man named Silas Evans, who had been president of a college in the Middle West (I think it was Ripon). Silas Evans used a great deal of Christian terminology but it did not take me long to reach the conclusion that underneath it ~~w~~ there was very little of real Christian zeal. He was an ideal figure to move the college away from its Christian moorings. I think probably he tried to move it a little faster than could easily be done. At any rate, after a year or two he resigned and I believe went back to be