

After Silas Evans left Dean Burt again became acting president for a couple years of ~~xxxx~~. Then one day Dr. Baer spoke in chapel and announced to us the fact that there had been an election by the Board of Trustees of a new president. This I believe was just near the end of my junior year. The man was name Remsen DuBois Du Bois Bird. Bird had been assistant prlfessor for Church History at Princeton Seminary and then professor of Church History in San Francisco Seminary. He put on a great appearance of being an ardent Christian but I was quite convinced that it was only seniors appearance. In fact, during my graduate year ~~xxxx~~ one of the ~~students~~ told me how Bird was ~~getting~~ trying to get them to do away with student speakers at the commencement. We used to have four at each commencement, the ~~xxxx~~ valedictorian, the salutatorian and two others, and instead of that to get a speaker from outside. He referred to the valedictory address I had given the previous year and said "There will never be another Allan ~~xxxxxx~~ MacRae on the Occidental College platform." One time Bird gave a marvelouw message ~~■~~ in chapel about the book Book of Philemon. It was really outstanding, and I would have been greatly /impressed by it except for the fact that he never gave any other ~~■~~ that had a similar emphasis at all during the two years I was there. This time, as he finished, I noticed on the platform, sitting with the faculty, was old Dr. Gamble, a very wealthy man, who had given great amounts of money to missions. A year later, when he died, it was found he had left a sizable amount to Occidental, and Bird's talk may have telped in that direction. Bird was very, very active ~~xxx~~ as a money raiser, but and he could give a fine Christian message if that would make people more favorable. My graduate year Dr. ~~■~~ Brieglieb, pastor of one of the big churches there, brought over Dr. William Evans to speak in chapel and Dr. Evans gave what I thought was a very fine message, ~~■~~ emphasizing the importance of the atonement. I was no longer connected with the paper, but there was a girl now who was, I believe, a follower of Mary Baker Eddy, who was told by the editor of the paper that year to write up the chapel service and she did not like it and she said to me, "What am I going to do?" and I said, "Well, I'll be glad to write/ it." Oh, she was so grateful. So I wrote a write-up telling exactly how fine the message had been, and