

a professor in the Divinity School there. I expected to give a course in the Seminary on the Book of Proverbs the next year and along with my work in the Oriental Institute I would do a certain amount of work on Proverbs. So I took out a book from the Divinity School library and then took it back and got another one. Then I saw a sign following in the Divinity School library which said that the ~~following~~ week the library would be closed, and that it would be closed for six weeks. Anyone who had books out could return them to the main library but none could be taken out during ~~those next~~ that next period. I wanted to, along with my work at the Oriental Institute, do some work through (nc?) the Book of Proverbs, so I went to the Divinity School library, went into the stacks and picked out about 20 books that I thought I'd like to look into a little in preparation for my course for the next fall. I brought these books out from the stacks and there was a man there at the desk of the library whom I did not know--who was evidently in charge of the library at that time. I said to him, "I am working this summer at the Oriental Institute here." I said, "I would like to take out these ~~about~~ 20 books on Proverbs. I would take them one or two at a time but you are going to be closed, so I'd very much like to take them all now." He did not know me and he looked at me very suspiciously. I went on and said, "I know one of the professors here and I notice that he is just finishing a class. I believe he would be ready to vouch for me." The man said, "Bring him in." I had noticed that Dr. Wieman was just finishing a lecture, so I went out into the ~~hallway~~ hall and found him on the way from his classroom to his office. I told him what I wanted. He ~~came~~ came up there, faced the young man in the library, and said, "Mr. ~~MacRae~~ MacRae was a former student of mine. He is orthodox but he is honest in spite of his orthodoxy." Then Wieman turned and walked out of the room. The man said to me, "What a wonderful recommendation," and gave me all the ~~good~~ books I wanted. I couldn't personally see what was very wonderful in it. One time in class Dr. Wieman said, "God is --" and then he gave a high-flung statement--words that I didn't think meant much, but there was one long word in the course of it--the rest were common words, and I said, "What do you mean by?"--and then I quoted that word. And he defined that, "That is such-and-such and such-and-such, again a long