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it can happen here. All things are in God's hands and God controls, but God gives Christians a work to do; and the members of the American Scientific Affiliation believe that one of the tasks which God has placed in the hands of Christian people to do and one of the most important tasks which they can do; not a task for every Christian to do but a task for many to do; is the task of studying the facts of science and the facts of history and seeing what the true situation is in regard to the relationship between these facts and the Bible. I do not believe that we serve the Lord by going at it and saying now here is the Bible, let me glance at it and pick three or four words out of it, this is God's truth, now let's twist everything of science in to make it fit with it. That is not honoring to the Lord. What the Lord wants is for us to study the Bible, to get down to its exact definite statements, to see what it means in the original language and find exactly what He has taught; and He wants us to study the facts of science, of geology, of history, of bot^ony, of archeology, or whatever it be; and He wants us to study those facts and to see how the two fit together. And if we diligently and honestly study these matters we will find that they fit together, because God who controls all things is the Author of the Word of God; and the two rightly understood must fit together. Therefore, if America is to be kept from sliding into heathenism and utter wickedness and be utterly abandoned of God, if our Lord should tarry; If this is not to happen, one of the tasks facing the Christian world today is to study these matters and to show that it is reasonable to believe in the Bible; that it is not something only for the ignorant, but that it is something which the wisest man in the world can believe with a full relationship to his scientific understanding. Now, that is one of the great convictions which was in my heart, and those of the others who founded Faith Theological Seminary in 1937. And we have been trying to train men who would carry out a portion of this work there at the Seminary. And having had this conviction and this ideal with us for sometime before the founding of the American Scientific Affiliation, I was very glad of the opportunity to do what I can to help advance this work on the part of the American Scientific Affiliation. The work of