

which is important and vital in connection with the development and change of that subject. Say you wrote a history of something, you try to understand something of it's nature and where it came from and where it is going and what important changes have occurred in it and you have to select those things that are vital in order to get this understanding of the subject. History is not merely a list of occurrences, it is an account of <sup>how</sup> something came into being or of how particular changes have occurred or of how situations developed. It takes a great deal of judgement to write history, I'm told that in most of our Universities today, American history is considered as in a state of flux. American History is being refought today. They are writing entirely new history today and the probabilities are that the American History taught in our schools today five years from now will be entirely different from the history of five years ago. From the thousands and thousands of facts, the selection made will be different because of the viewpoint is very different. The old histories tell us of the great men who made America and of the great ideals <sup>and judgement</sup> ~~that~~ these men had. The new histories will <sup>more</sup> deal with economic forces. The old histories told us how these men were filled with the love of God, and desired to serve Him and came over to this country desiring to establish a nation where they could worship a God according to the dictates of their conscience. The <sup>later</sup> ~~old~~ histories are going to tell us of these men and how they found it difficult to make a living in Europe and they came over here to make a better living and they had selfish motives and all that they did. It is a materialistic viewpoint which is effecting the history. Now the result of it is that it is going to force Christians to take an attitude towards history which is a more reasonable attitude than in the past. Our attitude in the past has been what the history, get the book and read it. History is not quite that simple. I took a good bit of work in history in college, and then I took some graduate work in history. I earned one M.A. in American History, and then I took half of enough work to earn another M.A. in European History before I switched to some other subjects.