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What is happening is that in these churches the younger people are dropping out. Those churches are drying up, slowly. They have tremendous funds. They have tremendous buildings, but they are slowly drying up. That process might continue and make our whole country become a degenerate backward country, except for those who are starting out and starting broups and bringing people together, and teaching them the gospel and organizing people to stand for the Lord.

I feel so greateful for the work Mr. Eckelmann has done here, and for the number of people who have been reached for the Lord thru his activity, for the humber who have gone out from here to be leaders in Christian work. I can't think of anything that would be better than if 100% young men would have a vision to go into ifferent universities and do the same kind of work Mr. Eckelmann has done here. What the Lord might do for our country! But there are very few such works. Very few.

As I look to the future, I feel that one of three things is going to happen. I believe that perhaps Jesus Christ is going to come back very soon. If He does we will have the millennium established on earth. Wow wonderful what He will estabish on earth. You know I used to get frustrated. I've climbed many of the highest mountains in the U.S. and some of the Alps. I've seen so many beautiful things, but there are many I've never gotten newr. I'd love to see the mountains of Western of Western China. I've never been nearer than a mile and a half from mainland China. I'd love to see so many things. I'm afraid I won't in this life. I've read so many books; I'd love to read so many more that I won't get to in this life.

I've learned so many languages and there are so many many more that I don't know at all. But there's that millennium ahead! I don't know which of these three I'd like tospend my time on. I think when the time actually comes I'll spend it adoring the Lord and Saviour. But as I think of these things I think of the unsatisfied longings in our lives, and I realize that millennium is ahead. Woold God it were very soon! It may be. We do not know. He has said, In such an hour as you think not, If anybody tells you he knows the Lord is coming back in the next 10 years, he certainly doesn't know what he's talking about because the Lord said, In such an hour as you think not.

But if somebody says He won't come for another hundred years! They don"t know. But it might not be for another 1000 years! The first possibility as I see it is that we may have a millennium coming and it will come by the Lord's coming back to the great dismay of the ecumenists who will see how wrong they were.

A second possibility which to my mind is very slight in view in view of earth's conditions and yet cannot be ruled out, is that God may choose to bring another great revival like the Reformation. He may choose to have the knowledge of the facts about Christ cover the earth and bring thousands of more souls into His kingdom before He comes. That may happen. At least we should all work in that direction and hope in that direction though humanly speaking that appears extremely unlikely.