

One which supported him, and the other which was his primary interest. Now he is retired from the university and is giving his whole time, starting two or three years ago to the church work, but I think of the many whom he has led to give their lives to Christian service. I think of how his influence goes on through these people and will go on through the years ahead if our Lord tarries. He pressed on, he reached out. He straid to. He strained to accomplish for the Lord.

Now there are students who graduate. They have a mulisfulis(sp?) voice, they have a pleasaant manner, they can deal with people nicely. Maybe two or three churches are immediately anxious to get them as pastor and they are feed from having to ~~xxx~~ worry about their own support. They can use their whole time serving the Lord. We praise the Lord for each one this way. But some of the people who have graduated from the seminary who I feel happiest about are individuals ~~who have never had the privilege of being pastor of a church, but who~~ perhaps as a S. S. Supt. or a teacher in the S. S. have worked in the church, have used their training, have used their knowldge ~~of~~ they have gotten in the seminary to reach out and reach people for the Lord.

Several years ago I knew the V.P. of the Phila. Electric Co. who used to go 3 or 4 nights a week down to the mission downtown to preach and give the gospel. He was a very effective servant of Christ. We used to have a V.P. of our Board of Directors some years ago. For 30 or 40 years he was V.P. of our Board of Trustees. I think he put as much effort and time into going about speaking for the Lord here and there as he did in his very effective legal work. in NY City. When the Lord took him, and I had a part in his funeral, I rejoice in the way God has used this man who was devoted to the service of the Lord.

God wants us to reach out, to stretch out, to strain to make our lives count to accomplish for Him. I just wish we could get this vision, all of us that the fields are white unto harvest.

~~But there's the other phase I want to speak about. This other phase is equally important and we find it in this 10th verse, with~~ which we started. He says, I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection." Of course no matter how much we try to reach out and strethh out if we don't have the power of His resurrection we will accomplish nothing. But to know the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings== of sharing in His suffering. I think we all like to think about the power of His resurrection--what that means to get hold of that and to use if for the Lord.

But the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings! I don'tthink we're so anxi eus for that, any of us. But it may be a very important part of God's will for us. For there are two aspects, I think of the life of the Christian, both of which are very important. One is the servant we've been looking at, servingGod, accomplishing for Him. The other is our personal development. The development of those fruits of the Spirit that he wants us to have. I believe that is equally important in the reason why He leaves us here, after we're saved instead of taking us at once to Him to glory, is that God had a