

Background

~~In order to understand recent developments in Faith Seminary it is necessary~~

Birthday Party

It was a great surprise to me that the first annual banquet of BST^o should be made into to a great extent into a birthday party for me. I was amazed at the tremendous amount of work that went had gone into it, sending letters to so many ~~for~~ people, getting so many, and making working it all up so nicely. It was a very excellently planned and executed program.

Of course the greatest surprise of all was that/~~Phillip~~ Phillip Vivian should be here. They very carefully kept from me the fact that there was any thought of his coming. It was only when he appeared on the tape and I thought it was a tape recording that Grace said, "He is here. Johnny went to get him from the airport."

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The special pleasure was hearing letters from some who had not seemed to me to be particularly interested in what they had received from me, and to find that they spoke in terms which I could as if they had really received a great deal of value from their contacts with me. No one ~~for~~ of them had any reason to be insincere in making such a statement such statements and this was truly gratifying.

One think I could not quite understand was Dr. Van Til's being there. Of all who are at ~~Westmin. Wes~~ Westminster he represents most definitely that which I think is harmful to the Chn^o church. I have always considered him a ~~an~~ sweet soul and a real Chn^o but his very strong emphasis on his own approach as being right and every other approach being wrong, his great attacks upon Dr. Buswell in the past, philosophic the way in which his students are interested in a philosophical argument that I do not think is valid, instead of in the Scripture, all make me feel that between him and me there is a tremendous gap. I have been told that he was asked if whether he would write a care to write a statement for the book, and that he then suggested that he come, and after he himself said he would like to come, that he was then asked to speak.