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Discussion of Criticism of Overcomers ~~Booklet~~ Booklets

The matter, so far as I know, seems to have begun with the presentation of the two new booklets, one of programs for teenagers, and the other, of programs for juniors, written by Miss ~~Maxwell~~ Mary Gates, ~~he~~ at the Leadership Conference held on April 15 at The Christian Admiral

It is my impression that Mr. Hathaway spoke <sup>up</sup> very ~~strongly~~ strongly there, saying that he was unwilling to use these booklets, that they were not good, and making very strong charges against them. I am ~~not~~ aware of what precisely may have been said.

I have before me a letter from Mr. Hathaway to Mrs. MacRae in which he says: "It may be that what I said concerning the Overcomers Material was taken as an insult to you. If /such was the case, I apologize to you, and ~~am~~ am willing to make that apology known to the persons who heard the comment. It would be hypocrisy on my behalf to withdraw my criticism, however, because I believe the content of the material to be wholly inadequate to be /used by Bible Presbyterians.

"If it were asked of me as to why I did not write something which would be adequate, my reply would have to be that we already have the best material which ever could be used, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and ~~Smaller~~ Shorter Catechisms.

"Again I want to be clear in what I say. I do not mean the ~~criticism~~ <sup>criticism</sup> to/ be directed you in any way at all."

Mr. Hathaway also turned in two sheets of typed paper headed: ~~Concerning the Holy War~~ ~~Concerning the Holy War~~ Concerning the "Holy War" (Teenage). In ~~h~~ the page and a third which he typed he listed four heads, and under the four he had letters ~~forming~~ running from "a" to ~~h~~ "h."

The first of these criticism reads as follows:

1. Miss Gates has said in my ~~presence that~~ presence that she does ~~not~~ not hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith; and at other time, that she