

Church History Senior S 8

had from Mr. Murray, and so under those circumstances it will be necessary that we omit those ten lectures that I would like to give you and assume that a good part of that has been covered in what he has given you.

I would like to touch on a few main features today in the time that we have left of the history of the church during the last hundred and fifty years, just to touch on a few main features that are very vital. We were talking yesterday mostly about Unitarianism in New England, which was A, which is the beginning of our great freethinking movement in the United States. Now from that I'd like to barely mention what ought to be labeled as B, The rise of evolution and of higher criticism. This is a phase which has been rather fully covered in other classes in the Seminary and I only mention them here as a very important event in church history and one which comes at this particular period. It would be worth while for you to have in mind the date of Darwin's great book THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES, the book which was published in 1859. As you see it is less than one hundred years ago. It was about ninety years ago that that book was published which was the foundation of the evolutionary teaching. The teaching of evolution has changed greatly from that which was presented by Darwin and the matter of whether man has developed from an ape or whether man and the ape have both developed from a parent stock or whether man has developed from any pre-existing life, important as it, is not nearly as important as the way in which this principle has been carried over into philosophy, into psychology and into religion and in which its proponents have used it to change and modify the outlook of the great bulk of the educated world in these fields. You, of course, in the course in the Pentateuch seen how greatly it affected the higher criticism. The higher criticism, as you know, began with [redacted] in 1753, 1853 exactly one hundred years later you have the publication of [redacted] theory which didn't have much effect until twenty years after that when [redacted] wrote his great book and after [redacted] wrote his HISTORY OF ISRAEL it spread like wildfire and the thing that made the higher criticism go so widely and so effectively after that