

you can study through from these different viewpoints and thus get the idea of the interrelation of these strands. If we do this it will be one of the most important things we can do - to see how the events are related as they go on in time and in place and how they interrelate and that will be very useful to you as you go on to deal with the various matters that are important. I'm tempted at this point to take just a second to tell you of an experience I had just a few years ago when we had a student who had my course in O.T. History who was a trained engineer. This man found that with his family to support and (seminary in Wilmington at that time), it was impossible for him to carry on the full seminary schedule. So he cut his course down and spread it over some extra years, and being a trained engineer, he got a job with The Delaware Power & Light Co. They took him into a room and showed him about 10 big sets of filing cabinets and in these cabinets they had the notations of the orders which had been given over many years as the company had been built up. This told of a line that was to be constructed to a certain house or a certain area and then the note from the man who constructed it and how he had to change the site plan in order to fit the condition. They had all this material there and said to him "Mr. Parkinson, we are going to write a history of the Delaware Power & Light Co. and we would like you to make a start on it. Now we know you are only working with us for a few years so we would like you to put in a year on this and if in a year you get these things sorted out and arranged, it can be a foundation for some one else to go on, and then in ten years we will have a good history worked out; we will be well satisfied!" In the course of a year and a half he succeeded in doing the whole job for the history of the Delaware Power & Light Co. which the men in charge thought would take ten years to complete. He told me that the reason he was able to do it was the principles I learned in your course of O.T. History and he said that the application of those principles enabled him to write the history of the Delaware Power & Light Co. I am interested in your getting particular dates and facts, but the thing I am constantly trying to get through is the principles.