

Wilson and Dr. Machen. Dr. Wilson died in 1930, the end of 1930, and Dr. Machen at the beginning of 1937, and these two men were gone. But the tradition continued, these are the great scholars of the world, and what they say is the last word on the reformed faith. I remember one of the students saying to me, "You know, I listen close when Dr. Machen , and I don't want to say anything that might and his purpose."

And the attitude was, "We must get it just /exactly what it is, and these men know exactly what it is." Well I sat in the faculty meetings for eight years. I ~~remember~~ remember one time someone wrote in and said, "What is the viewpoint of the seminary/ on a certain point?" And we said, "Let's make a statement and send it," so we appointed a member of the faculty to make a statement and we considered it. We discussed it for four hours and we found that with eight of us there, there were eight different viewpoints. And on a minor point there was a tremendous divergency among us in the faculty, each individual having his own idea on minor points, but the attitude among the students was, "Whatever any one of these men says, that is the Reformed Faith." And so it developed an attitude which, instead of standing for the big, basic issues of the Word of God, was standing for a thousand points, some of them tremendously important, and some of them extremely minor, and insisting that you ~~had~~ ^{have} to stand exactly like we do on these points, are/ ~~you~~ ^{we} have to be mighty careful how we drop them. Well/ ^{then} that is an attitude which I don't think can produce/ effective service of the Lord, and the result of it has been that as ~~the attempt~~ ^{attack} was made to control the Presbyterian Church of America ~~and the Independent~~ in the interest of this exact attitude, we came to a clash with them over the matters of pre-millennialism and of the separated life. And Dr. Buswell, Dr. McIntyre, and the rest of us left at one time there, ~~if~~ left the church there, and we founded the Bible Presbyterian Church, and we founded Faith Theological Seminary, but there have been other groups that have left. The Presbyterian Church of America changed its name to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and about three years ago at its General Assembly Dr. Piper said, "This church is smaller than it was a year ago, but its purer." And its constantly getting smaller, and its constantly getting purer, because