

When the faculty was very divided over it as I mentioned, and in the faculty some of them said but there are organizations there that aren't Calvinistic, and their seminaries don't stand for the true doctrines, and their seminaries have low scholarly standards, should our students enter into things with them. And Caspar Wistar Hodge, I am told, in a faculty meeting spoke up and said, If an old washer-woman coming down the street wants to make a testimony for Christ, you should not stop her and say, You're not educated, you can't do this! He said, There is no reason why we can unite for a testimony for Christ with people of like precious faith regardless of their differences on denominational doctrines or of their amount of education. But that was just a rebuttal of an attack upon it. Then of course we got into the big struggle within the denomination to try to hold the denomination.

Incidentally there that calls attention at this point, I think, it should be mentioned that the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at that time, I would say that 90% of the people in it at least were people who truly believed the Bible, and some were very ardent. With some it was just a matter of form, but the general attitude of at least 90% of the people was definitely Christian. But the pagan seminaries they had gotten control of most of the Presbyterian seminaries and they were sending out young men who were seeking to be tolerated in the church. One man from McCormick (a graduate) said to me, he studied in Germany when I did, and said how disgusted he was (when he was ordained) that the Presbytery instead of asking him about great questions of social justice, and world improvement, they asked petty little things like, Do you believe in the virgin birth? I asked him, Well, what did you say? He said, I told them that I believed in the value of the doctrine.