

I don't know. It was a very sizeable group. There was a group of maybe 15 in it who were very strong modernists. They were working together. They were trying to get more control and all the time talking about toleration. There were very interesting events that occurred all during that period.

One thing that brought all that to a head, was the issuance of a book by the Layman's Commission (I forget whether that was a Presbyterian organization or some other organization) but it was a commission on investigation of missions and it had a ~~word~~ word on the front of strong recommendation by Pearl Buck who was at that time had come into very great prominence. The criticism was of her being a missionary under the church. The people who believed the Bible and felt themselves to be the church did not feel the Board should be sending out missionaries who did not believe any more than Pearl Buck did! They did not feel that a missionary of their church should endorse a book like this Layman's Inquiry into Missions.

Dr. Machen was making a strong stand against modernism tho he was not in our Presbytery at that time. Dr. Allis was in our Presbytery and trying to stand clear and strong, tho Dr. Allis was a man who I thought did not see the wood for the trees. He was very strong on details and often did not see the main issue, it seemed to me. He was making a good strong stand. H. McGallister Griffiths was in the Presbytery who had been in seminary when I was, who was almost a genius. He was very brilliant in some ways. I have some very excellent poems he wrote about -- at Easter time about that period and about Christ's life. He was an undisciplined genius. Never had to work much at studying, everything came easy to him, but he was interested in and what he wasn't interested in he did not bother with!