

Dr. Torrey told me he believed it was Speer's influence as much as anybody's else that had ruined the Board. In fact, Torrey said at one time when he landed in New York (of course we did not have planes in those days) Speer was down there to greet some missionaries coming back on furlough and he saw Dr. Torrey and was very effusively friendly toward him. Torrey said, I didn't feel like being friendly with him at all the way he's been in the Board.

Here's where there was a great mistake in policy. They brought a motion before the General Assembly that the Board be reorganized, and the modernists cleaned out of it. The motion did not pass the Assembly. They then proceeded to form an Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Their idea was --- well, the modernists immediately became frightened because they thought if they can go all through the church with the bulk of the church believing these old doctrines they will draw the money from the churches and that will hurt the Board. So they brought charges against the members of the Independent Board. First they passed an action in one Assembly, an action which was a ridiculous action that said to fail to support the established Boards of the church was as bad as absenting oneself intentionally from communion service. I forget the exact words. They carried along with them a lot of well-meaning real Christian people who did not want to see discension and thought these nice people were being misrepresented. The modernists were very clever. But in the end they brought the members of the Independent Board to trial and it took ~~two~~ two or three years going through the whole process, but in the end they were dropped from the church. Dr. Machen was a member of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. About that time Machen was asked --- they suggested Machen move to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.