

He applied to be received in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Then the modernists objected to his being received. I forget the details, but they got Presbytery to postpone consideration of it, or something, I forget. They worked that out. There is one little thing that's interesting that happened about that time. The IBPFPM invited Charlie Woodbridge to come back from Africe where he'd been missionary for several years, to become general secretary. He came back and the story got around that Woodbridge was coming to make a reformation of the church. The modernists got upset about it. They didn't know him at all. Maybe I told you this in connection with Ned Stonehouse? Did I? Anyway the day came when Woodbridge was to be received into Presbytery. The modernists were laying for him. It was a big presbytery and they were always having people transferring from other presbyteries. There was an inoffensive young fellow from some other presbytery whocame and I think he'd been a missionary. The modernists jumped up and asked him questions, Why was he coming into this presbytery; what ~~wzwx~~ was his purpose, etc. He didn't know what they were talking about. They could not find any reason to critisize him so he was received. Then the leader of the modernist group went out to have a smoke. While he was out ---they were just going down the line of those who were applying for admission to the Presbytery. Charlie's name was brought. He came forward. They voted to receive him. The Moderator shook hands with him and he was a member of the presbytery! When the leader of the modernists and two or three others came back, he was already in the presbytery! I remember right after that somebody said that was an argument against smoking, and Ned Stonehouse said, No that's an argument for smoking!

Neher: You had told me that.

I had. I think Charlie gave a talk shortly after. They were