

man, he was. The minutes of the last Director's meeting were laid out on the table. He was called out for a minute or two, and I glanced at this on the table there, and I saw that they had proposed Frank Stevenson of the pastor of the big church (Presbyterian) in Cincinnati, a man who when the committee came to investigate Princeton Seminary had made a strong stand for a true Christian stand for the seminary, and also a modernist man. The two had been nominated to be new Directors. I thought, My wouldn't this be terrible if this modernist was elected, and so I went to Dr. Machen and I suggested that he, for whom this Director had tremendous regard, that he talk to him about the importance of that to prevent that man being Director! Dr. Machen was quite upset. He said, That is an internal matter of the Board of Directors. The worst thing about it is that you should know anything about it! But he said, Of course if they would do that it would be suicidal!

But then later I heard that some people said, Wouldn't it be wonderful for us to bring into the Board at the same time two new men representing the two different views! Such utter lack of common sense! And they did elect the two of them!

Frank Stevenson saw what was happening. He was a very fine Christian man, and the Modernists tried in 1927 to get --- no in 1929 -- they tried to get the General Assembly to re-organize Princeton because Princeton was the theological seminary of the Presbyterian church and under the control of the General Assembly. They wanted the General Assembly to re-organize. They said this is purely an administrative problem. You have two Boards. You have friction between the two Boards. The Board of Directors said, Our place is to handle the faculty, the spiritual aspects, all that. The Trustees are there to handle the money. Some of the same people were on both boards. The modernists had the majority on the Trustees.