

be made president of the Board, and the VP, Sec. and Treas. the same men whom the others nominated. Before this time Dr. Laird had been put out by the Presbytery down there for being on the IBFPPM and had lost the big church with its million dollar endowment. They were meeting in a little old Methodist church they had bought. He endured an awful lot for the sake of his stand with the IBFPPM. They won in the election. Laird was elected President. The next morning I saw Paul Wooley and asked How was your meeting yesterday? Oh, he said, they elected Harold Laird President of the Board. I said, He's a fine man to be President of the Board, isn't he? Well, he said, Should the independent pastor of an independent church be president of an independent board for Presbyterian foreign missions? I thought it sounded silly the way he said it. But you see his emphasis was on they should be Presbyterians and stand together in a Presbytery. Well, the only reason that Laird wasn't in a presbytery and that MacPherson wasn't in a presbytery was that they had been thrown out for being in the IBFPPM. That's the only reason they were independent. Laird didn't want to be independent. He wanted to be in a presbytery. His church -- he was thrown out of his church and a lot of the people in the church joined him in starting his new church.

Dr. Machen was very upset over that. They said he phoned his mother in Baltimore several times that night. And a month later he died. He was out in N. Dakota, and he got a cold. It was frightfully cold in December. He had appointments and he felt back but he just insisted on going to the appointments. He got pneumonia and it got worse. Finally he had to quit and go to the hospital and he died there. They said that the IBFPPM had killed Dr. Machen by their electing Laird as president!