

He said, Why we should -- why should historic Christianity become some kind of an ism? That's true. It is the historic Christian faith but since most of the great institutions holding it had fallen into the hands of those who did not believe in it, there had to be some name to distinguish those who held to it. When he struggled with the modernists and they used all kinds of wicked tactics in dealing with him, and then he got so disgusted that he felt the only thing to do was to start a new church. They pushed forward this Independent Board issues and ecclesiastical leaders thought it would take money away from their established board and I think it would have if they had not stepped out. If they had done it in a way that they could not have been put out on, they could have taken money from the ---- I believe the movement he started, the separatist movement might have given given rise== suppose it took a fourth of 2 million in the Presbyterian church. That would be a tremendous church! But the fact that when they came out then immediately these folks at Westminster who were taking that narrow view began insisting that now we are starting a new church it must be just right down the line, many people who started toward it stepped back. Many people who came into their churches became dissatisfied and drifted out into other groups. Some even went back into the former denomination, and would could have been a big movement proved to be a small one. His attitude -- Machen thought Jamison came out prematurely. He felt we should stay in and fight. Then when he decided it was hopeless any more, he thought everybody should be out and it was wicked to stay in! That's too quick a change to make, too sharp a change. He did not carry with him many of the graduates of Westminster seminary during the previous 6 yrs. say. Most of them who were ordained and members of the church kept on.