

weaker brother, he wouldn't touch it. Then for people to say he stood for freedom of people to use liquor is ridiculous! I gave that illustration, and immediately someone got up and said, Dr. Machen had departed and we should not be making quotations from verbal statements, things that aren't in writing by him. Though they had just been quoting at length of course him on just about every issue that came up!

By that time perhaps I got perhaps more emotionally embroiled in the situation than I should have because then these pastors I mentioned they could not help feeling what was it going to do to their churches that the church turns down any action advising total abstinence. So they presented a statement that was about half as strong as the one we had presented. A very mild statement which they felt the whole assembly could surely combine on. They presented that statement. I got up and said this statement would be entirely satisfactory to me. So they voted it down. One of them was really ^{indignant} ~~indignant~~ to me afterwards. He said, If you had not said that was alright, it would have been passed!

Neher: So they wound up with no statement on the subject?

AAM: Yes, they wound up with no statement on the subject. They had been writing quite strongly on this. This fellow MacArthur had been writing in the Presbyterian Guardian articles on particular points they were standing on. Of course they had the majority in that particular Assembly, such a majority and they so completely carried it that Milo Jamison got up and said he could not stay in the group if they were going to take the stance they had already taken. I must say he had shown great patience to go that long. After he did that, then Dr. Buswell