

It help tremendously bringing them solidly back of the stand Dr. McIntire was more and more coming into. When we started one of our directors was Dr. Abraham Latham who was pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Chester for a great many years. We had dinner with Latham one time about the time we were starting, and he asked if we could recommend him an assistant. Dr. McIntire said to me after we left, We don't want to put anybody in to help build up the old church. That was true.

But at first we had him and one of his elders, and then Mr. Paist one of our leading men who had been trustee of Westminster before was a member of a Presbyterian church out on the main line. We had a number of directors who were still in the old church. As Dr. McIntire said, The miserable situation we were facing with the Westminster folks at that time made such a big impression at that time that it pushed the situation of the old church into the background to some extent.

But of course our separation from them was rather total. We had comparatively little contact with them during the next few years. Their student body dropped to practically nothing for 10 or 13 years. We had a considerably larger student body than they did. We had very little connection with them. So very soon that was the big thing the students were talking about. And F. Schaeffer and J. Murray were right solidly behind Dr. McIntire. I think it was very foolish personal dealing on his part that lost thier support. I don't think there was really any reason that he needed to lose it.

In our 3rd year, Dr. Latham decided that the sensible thing for him to do was to lead as many people as he could out of the Third Church there and form a new church. So Latham asked McIntire to recommend someone for an assistant to work in his church for a time and then help in leading them out. Jack Murray was the one. He assisted Latham a brief time while they were making plans and then they left the Third Church and met in an old factory where they met for quite a little time. There was room there, places for people to sit, and they had good services.

He was assistant to Dr. Latham for a time. Then the sad thing happened. Dr. Latham was absolutely in control of that church. Everything was exactly as he wanted it to be, but as he came to come out, he said that elder who was a member of our board, I really don't think he's going to come with us. He said, he's been spending a lot of his money lately in improving the property of the Third Church so I don't think he's going to come out. The fact was that all the poor people in the church and people who were faily well off came out, but most of the business leaders and professional people and peole like that mostly ~~xxx~~ stayed in the church.

Neher: Why do you suppose that was?

Well, there is the prestige from an old established church. I remember in Wilmington hearing that there was a man in the First and Central Church in Wilmington --the great palatial church that