

But he was very mean to Dr. Laird at the time. The modernists have a real hatred of Christianity. As between real compromise with them and the stand Dr. McIntire takes, I would certainly take his every single time. But the sad thing is that he has allowed it ~~to~~ to become to such an extent a personal thing, where a sizeable group of earnest Christian people have surrendered their minds to him entirely to do whatever he says.

He has allowed that. But perhaps still sadder is the way he has treated people like Murray and Schaeffer who were absolutely loyal to him until he treated them in a way that drove them away from him. Dr. Murray had been preaching in a church in Vineland NJ. while he was in seminary. He'd done a good bit of evangelistic work before he went to seminary. He preached in Vineland and then left it to become Latham's assistant with the idea of stepping out and starting a church out of the denomination.

Latham's big interest was the summer Bible school movement. Latham used to give marvellous talks about that. His talks were almost word for word but I could hear him give it several times. He gave it so well. He used to tell how he'd started the summer Bible school because he saw the statistics that the Presbyteriana denomination had lost so many people each year. He said they were losing as many presbyterians each year as all the presbyterians in a city like Pittsburgh. And something must be done to stop this trend, and he felt that something must be done to reach the children.

So he started the summer Bible school. He was dead against any kind of handwork--anything like that. He thought that was an utter waste. He insisted that the school should run for 5 weeks. He said it takes you nearly half a week to get really under way, nearly half a week to really and anything less than 5 weeks is a sham. So it must be 5 weeks. He said it must be professional teachers, people trained to teach, and it must be people who are paid. Teachers must be paid. So with his particular principles he asked the elders of the Third Presbyterian Church (this was years ago) and they said we don't think it will ever work. No, no don't do it. He said, Will you give me permission to do it if I go ahead without your having any responsibility in it at all? They said, Yes, if you want to do that you can go ahead.

So he went and found trained teachers whom he arranged to pay and he worked out a curriculum that was 5 or 6 weeks. He worked a curriculum where they had classes of all levels and I think the whole course would take about 12 yrs. Eventually he had a little booklet made for the students, etc. He made them memorize great sections of Scripture. He said when the time came for his children to go they said, We're going to be the only ones there. Will be nobody else there. He likes to tell how the morning came and the big crowd that came, a big attendance. They had this for all these weeks. One rule he made was if any child missed he would call at that home and the teacher of that class would also call at the home.