

DR. Machen was horrified as he observed the increase of unbelief in Presbyterian churches and seminaries, and was very active in these areas of witness and activity.

During my three years at Princeton I had much association with Dr. Machen, in addition to deriving great benefit from his classes. After my return from Germany I was his colleague in seminary teaching for seven and one-half years, and benefited greatly from the association with him.

Q: Would you say a little more about Princeton's situation and its subsequent history?

A: During my time at Princeton Seminary most of its professors were very poor teachers. Dr. Machen was an excellent teacher. Dr. Allis was a good teacher though rather dull. Other members of the faculty were excellent scholars but most of them had no ability at getting ideas into the minds of the students. While I was there someone told of an incident, supposed to have occurred a few years before. He said that a student had gone to one of the professors to object to a procedure and said that if the ~~whole~~ seminary were to continue that way there it would soon have no students at all. According to the story, the professor answered: "Even if it had no students Princeton Seminary would go on just the same."

When I attended Princeton Dr. Wilson and Dr. Machen and a few others were making a fine testimony against unbelief. It should be remembered that Princeton was really only the last of the famous institutions of learning that had once been thoroughly Christian to change its position. Most other old-line seminaries had gradually been taken over by unbelievers without any great struggle having occurred.

The testimony of Dr. Wilson and Dr. Machen against the increasing success of modernism had led Christians to recognize Princeton as a great center for defense of the faith.

After I had been at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for a year I spoke to Dr. Torrey about it and he said, "I would like you to have another year at the Bible