

Institute but whatever you do, do not fail to get the course at Princeton Seminary. It is the finest defense of Christianity now available anywhere in the world."

When I got there I found that the majority of the faculty stood strongly against modernism but an active minority desired better relations with other old-line seminaries. Battle lines were already drawn, and unbelievers in the church had instituted a great effort to change Princeton.

As a result of the testimony of Dr. Wilson and Dr. Machen students from many backgrounds came to Princeton Seminary to profit from its solid teaching, and the views of its professors were widely quoted in evangelical circles. Unbelievers had already instituted a powerful and deceitful attack against the seminary. Eventually they succeeded in persuading the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which held control of Princeton, to reorganize the institution so that its governing board would come into the hands of those who wished to bring it into line with other old-line seminaries.

Along with the students from many backgrounds, who had come to Princeton because of its strong defense of the faith, there was a very large group that came from families that had greatly venerated Princeton for its past history but had little interest in the actual stand that its professors were making. At least a third of the student body was made up of individuals who merely wanted to gain the prestige of a Princeton degree in order to get a good position in the church.

One factor that entered into the strong desire to reorganize Princeton Seminary was the fact that most of the professors (except Dr. Machen and Dr. Allis) were very close to retirement age. It was obvious that within a few years the whole face of Princeton Seminary would be changed

The reorganization was produced through a subterfuge. The seminary at that time was controlled by two overlapping bodies, a Board of Directors and a Board of Trustees. The Board of Directors was supposed to have complete control over the educational work of the institution. The Board of Trustees was supposed to control only property and finance. Each board included men who wished to support the strong