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failure to support the establishment boards, the group ==this group was determined now in the resulting church to get rid of the individuals who took any strong stand for premillennialism, or for the separated life.

One time I was with a member of the faculty and a lawyer friend and they were discussing the INdependent Board which they said was a very bad board. They said just look at ~~xx~~ all the premillennialists and dispensationalists on the board, one said. Another said, Let's go through and see which of them are premillennialists and which are dispensationalists, So they went through the membership of the board saying "this man is a premillennialist," & "this man is a dispensationalist," etc. as far as I could see knowing most of these men fairly well, the difference was that if a person believed in premillennialism but did not have any great zeal for it, they called him a premillennialist. But if he believe in premillennialism and thought that it was important enough to stand for it even if one suffered loss by doing so then they called him a dispensationalist. That, as far as I could see, was their difference in these two terms. But as they went through they showed great animosity toward those members of the board whom they called dispensationalists.

Now about this time there was a considerable correspondence carried on between Dr. Machen and Mr. James Bennet ~~was~~, a New York lawyer, who had done a great deal of Christian work in his lifetime and who had defended the members of the Independent Board in their ecclesiastical trial or at least had helped to plan their defense. Mr. Bennet had the feeling that == Had corresponded with so-e length with Dr. Machen about premillennialism and as he ~~is~~ so Dr. Machen became rather irritated at him and expressed himself rather strongly.

Then Mr. Bennet got to thinking, Why should Dr. Machen be the head of the seminary, of the Independent Board of Foreign Missions and of a nearly organization or group that was connected with the movement against modernism in the church. It seemed to him-- He had great regard for Dr. Machen and desired him to have an important position of leadership but thought he was the head of everything, and so he suggested that Dr. Machen not be re-elected at the next election as president of the Independent Board.