

of course they did not want it to be a one-man institution so the thing was then dropped.

As the years went by McIntire would take a stand strong stand on more and more issues. There were times when he seemed about to take a stand which I did not like at all. Usually then I would write him a private letter expressing my feelings and generally he would moderate his stand in response to the letter. He was very strongly against many things and many people and I felt that he tried to fight on too many issues. Most of the things that he was against I felt were harmful but it seemed to me that one would be more apt to make progress if he would make his stand on really important things and be ready to compromise somewhat on secondary issues. With him there was no compromise. One thing I noticed. In the Collingswood church I heard him two or three times say, "To get a change made in the Collingswood church takes about three years. He said that if he would propose a change of some sort, it would be discussed by the elders, by the deacons, by the women's groups, discussion all over the church, considered, and in the course of about three years they would come to an agreement on it and it would be done, and the leaders of the Collingswood church were very positive in their ideas, but they became more and more attached attached to McIntire's wonderful preaching and to his great clear stand on the major issues and most of them were ready to follow him also on the secondary issues. I remember when, shortly after the Bible Presbyterian Church was started, McIntire wanted to start a church in West Philadelphia and take his radio over there on that day and the elders said, "No, you have been away once or twice in the last few months and your place is preaching here in Collingswood," and they would not agree to his going. And he said, "Well, suppose I get Dr. Laird to preach when I'm gone?" "Oh, if you could get Dr. Laird, of course that would be fine." So then he asked

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Dr. Laird and when Dr. Laird had an engagement he could not break on that particular day and couldn't come, then he arranged for me to come, but this showed for one thing how much at that time he was under the thumb of the board of the Collingswood church, but secondarily, how he was ready to counteract it in a way that I thought was hardly justifiable. I must say, to the credit of the fine