

happened that some time before he had written an article for a paper published by the Christian REformed denomination in which he told them about the starting of what was then called the Presbyterian Church of Amrica, which consisted of those who stood with him in leaving the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and starting a new -enominat~~ion~~. In order to make clear the situation the situation a little clearer to the Christian Reformed people who would read this paper he said that it was similar to the formation of the Chritian Reformed Church which had come out of the Dutch Reformed Church.

A few days after Dr. Machen's vacation began, when he was staying at the big hotel at Lake Louise in Canada he received a letter telling him that a prominent professor who belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church had taken great offense at what he had said about the situation in which the Christian Reformed Church had left the Dutch Reformed Church. He was very upset about this and wrote ~~■~~ to his friends in the Christian Reformed Church asking them to send him information and evidence so that he could prove that the formation ~~xxxx~~ of the Christian Reformed Church from the out of the Dutch REformed Church was actually similar to the formation of the Presbyterian Church of AMERICA out of the Presbyterian Chrurch in the U.S.A. Getting this information, reading it, writing a proper rejoinder, etc., consumed a lot of time and effort and detracted terribly from the value of the vacation. A few weeks later, in the evening when we were driving out to Germantown, when he got so terribly upset over such small matters, it's possible that the irritation was partly due to the fact that he had not gotten the full vacation and rest that he should have had.

[You move so precipitatively from Lake L. to Gtn.]

I /did not say anything ~~xxx~~ when he told me what was taking so much of his time in Canada but I did feel that it was a very foolish expenditure of his effort to get into a discussion~~y~~ of the origin~~d~~ of the difference between the Christian REformed Church and the Dutch Reformed Church. In the circumstances it seemed to me it would have been much more snesible ~~xxxx~~ simply to have written and said, "My purpose in writing was to show the character and meaning of the start of our new ~~xxx~~ Presbyterian denomination. It is similar to what I have been told was the start of the Chritian Reformed Church out of the Dutch Reformed Church. On this point I am not being personally directed with those that situation; I was simply relying of course on what I have been told by good friends of mine who belong to that denominat~~ions~~. It seemed to me that so far as ^{he} was concerned a brief answer like that would have been quite adwquate, and if they wanted should want desire to carry on their fight disturbande in relation to the Christian REformed Church, that was really not his affair. ~~HE~~ He had more than he could do in Presbyterian situations. ~~Now, however, there~~