

Dr/ Machen was a very excellent teacher. Although I never sat in on his beginning Greek classes I heard much about how interesting they were and how effective he was in training students of Greek. The beginners elementary book for New Testament Greek that he wrote was soon adopted as a text book by ~~xx~~ schools which held views quite antithetical to his on ~~xx~~ just about everything else and to this day it is bringing in a very substantial income to those who own the copyright. [Doesn't a copyright expire in 28 years or 56 or something of the sort?] As a ~~x~~ scholar and as a teacher he was outstanding.

Dr. Machen had a great gift of writing. He may I cannot say whether he wrote easily or whether it ~~w~~ took a great deal of effort for him to write. I know that he spent innumerable hours working over every detail of radio talks that he gave during the latter years of ~~xx~~ his life. Whether he had to spend an equal amount of time in writing his scholarly material I have no way of knowing. I do know, however, that he was able to write in a style clear and easily understood, and very accurate as to what was said. He was an outstanding character in many ways.

Of course this does not mean that he was perfect. Oh, I should mention one other ability he had, probably developed through his having been a member of the Benham Club while in seminary. This was the stylish club in the seminary, composed of those who became pastors of large and exclusive churches. It was a practice of the ~~Bxhx~~ Benham Club to insist on reading recitations or humorous presentations by their members. Whether Dr. Machen began doing so when he was a student or when he had already had some experience in this line I do not know. But his recitations of humorous pieces were greatly beloved by all who heard them. Any group in which he was present was sure to ask for a presentation of one or more of his humorous selections.

Now, having said this, I think it is worth while to note the fact that he had his weaknesses and his lacks as all human beings do have and that it is reasonable to look at them. Probably one of these was a tendency, quite common among of such ability as he had, to think that he made a decision it was only proper that all who were associated with him should follow him ~~w~~ in it. This did not often show itself but I think of one outstanding instance. When Milo Jamison^(sp/) and Sam Sutherland were driven out of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. by the Los Angeles Presbytery on trumped-up foolish charges they continued their Christian fine work among students and expressed themselves as glad no longer to be tied with the modernism that had gained so large a control of the denomination. Dr. Machen expressed himself to me as saying that their departure had been premature and seemed to me to censure them for it. Later, when he left the denomination because of the Independent Board decisions he declared that the Assumbly assembly, by its action, had made itself apostate