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members of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. and other Presbyterian churches could support and give their money to if they couldn't trust their own board. That was the officially stated purpose of the formation of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions and it was formed, its members were, the bulk of them, ministers or laymen of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. though there were one or two from other Presbyterian churches. It was declared, therefore, to be an interdenominational board though it was practically entire Presbyterian U. S. A. but they said, "We don't trust the official board of the church. We call upon people to give us their money that we may send it to missionaries whom we will send who will be dependable and truly Christian." The result was that immediately this board proceeded to send out ministers who were ministers to the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. as their representatives in the foreign missions work. Their work was almost entirely a Presbyterian U. S. A. work but a measure was brought before the General Assembly ordering all Presbyterians to support the official board and ordering the members of the Independent Board to desist from raising money for missions for any other view than to support the official board of the denomination and the result was that half the members of the board resigned and the other half were tried and convicted of disloyalty to the church and were dropped from the denomination. It took two or three years to get all the process carried through. Yes? (Student) Yes. I couldn't say. I never heard him referred to. My knowledge about the Church of England situation has come since that but--now I was connected with all the steps of it to quite an extent, yet I wasn't in the group that did the planning that took hours and hours and a great amount of discussion and all that and it's altogether possible that it may have been very prominent in it or it may not have entered into it; I don't know, but it never came into any of the discussions which I heard, of which there were a good many.

But in England when within the last century many people began to see that a great part of their missionary money was going for the support of men who didn't believe in anything that they believed in they organized a Bible missionary (I think there is a Church missionary society, and I think this the Bible Church Missionary Society--