

not for the opposition of Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Machen, and a few others ~~the~~ who lined themselves up with/ them and followed their leadership, the battle line was being joined and the clash was coming. I don't know how much the students knew about it. Some of them knew quite a bit about it, I knew particularly much about it because I became a very close friend of Dr. Machen and Dr. Wilson, and so I heard them talking privately and I learned a great deal that way, which I might not possibly have known otherwise.

But the thing was developing there, and Princeton Seminary was becoming to be recognized as the leader of evangelicalism, where there was a meeting of people who wanted to say, "This Book is true, and we can believe it. We're not just numbskulls to say that the Bible is true, you can be scholarly and say it. We can say Dr. Wilson, Dr. Machen, come and give us a talk on the dependability of the Word of God." And other people would say, "Nobody believes that the Bible is true, that is outdated, but look at Princeton Seminary, they believe that the Bible is true." And so, you see, on the one hand, Princeton Seminary was beginning to be a banner, a slogan for the truth, and on the other hand the enmity of the haters of the Gospel roused against it and the determination was coming to destroy the witness of Princeton Seminary in some way. And the result was that one thing after another was bound to destroy its testimony. Now, the student body of Princeton, while I was there, was divided. About half of the student body were people who came, as I did, from a strong evangelical background, attracted by the testimony of the leaders of Princeton Seminary, these fellows came. And we had wonderful prayer meetings, among the students, and we had a fine group of evangelical students, but I would say that half of the student body came from modernistic Presbyterian colleges, and other church colleges, mostly modernistic, they were sons of ministers, it was a good profession, and they wanted to be a member of it, and maybe they had even been moved by a Christian witness as children, but they had gone through these seminaries and had lost their faith, and now they were going into this as a profession, there