

which he had been for years. Then they had a big headline in the Philadelphia Daily paper: Charles Erdman Outed! He had been removed from his position. But it was thought he might still continue to teach at Princeton! Someone up there said, Isn't it a shame they have to wash all their dirty linnen in public. But here the Philadelphia paper and some of the New York papers had a lot about this. These awful things that were supposed to be happening at Princeton! They had a committee from General Assembly who came out to investigate the seminary. They ~~wxx~~ were very exciting days. Eventually the Board sort of polarized. The majority of the Board of Directors were conservatives. But there was a strong minority. And this minority of the Board of Directors were themselves the conservative members of the Princeton University Board who were the liberal members of the Princeton Board. The conservatives had a slight majority in the Board of Directors. But they also had a Board of Trustees. In the Board of Trustees the liberals had a slight majority. The whole thing was made out eventually to be a conflict between two Boards.

Neher: Right around what years are we talking now?

AAM: Well, I went there in 1924 and graduated in 1927 and in 1926 the Board talked to Dr. Machen, and I think the Professor of Apologetics died, and they asked Dr. Machen to take the position of Prof. of Apologetics. Well, his field was NT but he was working very directly in defense of the NT, defense of Christianity and Dr. Machen did not think he should leave his direct field, but they argued with him-- the conservative members of the Board and persuaded him to agree to do it. So he took ~~xxxxxxx~~ agreed to take the position, but Princeton was the Seminary of the Presbyteriana church in the U.S.A. The next summer I guess that was after my second year, the General Assembly met in Baltimore and the