

Assembly and they elected Dr. Clarence MacCartney moderator and they wanted the Assembly to order that Fosdick not preach in the Presbyterian church these heretical doctrines, but all they could get the Assembly to do was to ~~not~~ invite Fosdick, if he was going to preach in a Presbyterian church as he had been doing for a year or year and a half as ~~not~~ supply, to invite him to apply to the Presbytery for a transfer and then they would examine his doctrine and everything. Of course, Fosdick then left that church and Rockefeller built him the big Riverside church for him to preach in. It was a sort of victory that was venerated over, you see.

Robert E. Speer, was considered 60 years ago as a great missionary leader. He'd written some fine books on Christian doctrine and on the supremacy of Christ, and that sort of thing. After Westminster was started I talked to some very godly Presbyterian ministers who talking about the way the foreign missionary board was going said, Well, as long as Robert E. Speer is there I'm sure he would keep everything sound. I'm sure that we can trust him." There was that sort of feeling toward Robert E. Speer. But just before I went to Princeton, they had a conference in Los Angeles at which different people spoke, and there was a talk by Speer in ~~which~~ which he said the great theme of Islam is submission, and the great theme of Buddhism is-- and he named different (things), and somebody says what is the great theme that would characterize Christianity in one word? He said, That word would be unity. Then he told, -- that wonderful voice the way he talked was very impressive. One thing that struck me was how he said that there was a missionary who came back from Africa somewhere and he had had a terrible tropical disease.