

New York who explicitly declared they did not believe in the Virgin birth, and the minority of ~~the~~ evangelicals in the Presbytery of New York appealed, to Synod and then to General Assembly against the ordination of these two men, and it's my impression that one of these two eventually became the president of Union Seminary! I'm not sure. I think he was the same man. Anyway they made that appeal. I was at the Assembly when the commission -- judicial commission brought in its report and in its report on certain technicalities they ruled that these fellows were ordained, that their ordination should not be interfered with. I forget how it ~~was~~ was, but I believe that 2/3 of the people there were utterly disgusted at the decision of the Judicial Commission. Someone got up and made a recommendation, Why don't we take an action overturning this. Somebody else got up and argued, and there was a little confusion, and then Robert E. Speer, I think, came over, and he said, Oh, how unfortunate we have this decision division and decision about this; it's purely a matter of technicality here that have been decided. And of course we all believe in the virgin birth; let's all rise and repeat the Apostle's Creed. So everybody arose and together they repeated the Apostle's Creed, and all the conservatives were made happy by giving to that testimony to our belief, and the liberals were made happy by getting more control into the church.

I mentioned to you Dr. Machen's not being confirmed for Professor of Apologetics. After that action was taken -- they simply postponed it a year, but Dr. Machen said he would not go any further with it then. He said it would take a tremendous amount of reading for him to move over into that other field, and after that he just wasn't going to do it. I don't think they would have confirmed him anyway, but that was the end of that particular matter.