

That made very strong feeling there.

Neher: Did you say he was-- his mother was still alive when he died?

I believe she was. I never met his mother but I heard that that night he phoned her repeatedly. He was very upset by that.

But I think that the reason he was upset was that these fellows ~~now~~ worked him up, you see. Because he'd originally invited Dr. Laird to come on. They said it was a terrible thing to elect a man president of the Board who was the independent pastor of an independent church. The man they themselves nominated to continue as VP was MacPherson, who was independent pastor of an independent church! So it was leading up to the situation where we had to start a new seminary. Westminster had a marvellous start and they were getting some of the finest young men. The next year, the year after we left, they had only 2 entering students. They went down practically to nothing when we left. But they had a marvellous start. The people up to that point who graduated, most of them are still in Presbyterian churches. There were not so many of them who came out. But the new graduates after that very few of them went into the Big United Presbyterian Church. They formed the Presbyterian Church of America. We left it and formed the Bible Presbyterian Church. And the Presbyterian Church of America(?) (Orthodox Presbyterian Church) throughout all these years has had very little growth. They were forced by the courts to change their name to Orthodox Presby. Ch. but they've had very little growth. The graduates of Westminster that stand right for that solid line, they go into that church. While the ones who were not so much for that line but were affected by it they go into other churches and try to influence them.

Neher: Clarifying one little thing: did you say that ~~the~~ before the split which formed Faith Seminary there were a number