

Dr. MacRae Interviewed by Jim Neher

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You were asking about Dr. Machen's importance in the separatist movement and how it affected that movement.

I would say he was important in the movement because he was one of the last men left in a historic long established theological seminary that stood strongly for the Gospel. I don't mean the last that stood for it, but one of the last that stood strongly for it. And was ready to make a stand on it, and in addition to that he had a reputation that no one could brush him aside as being some kind of fool, an ignoramus. He was recognized as a very fine scholar. He did not have advanced degrees. He graduated from Johns Hopkins. I think he took some graduate work there in Greek. I'm not sure. He went through seminary and he went to Germany and studied a couple of years, but did not have an earned doctors degree. I think he had a couple of honorary doctors degrees. His textbook on Beginning Greek was used at that time in Harvard and Yale in the university, and recognized as the best text book for beginning Biblical Greek. Despite the fact they had no use for his views. He -- Of course the thing was ripe for it because there were people becoming dissatisfied in all the big denominations, and efforts were being made to bring them back to the truth, and here was a man who spoke out strongly, who had a high scholarly reputation. Most of the scholarly institutions had gradually been taken over by unbelievers, by that time. The new ones that have been started since had not most of them been started. Dallas had been going a few years. Did not have much reputation yet. He also had a very great ability as a clear writer. He could express things very excellently. After his death, Dr. Eppard told me he read an obituary in a modernist journal (I'm not sure whether it was the