

I was two weeks late in getting back for it. We started the seminary with 50 students and the Lord blessed and for 4 or 5 yrs. I was very happy there. I felt we were building a center for the training of people who would stand four-square for the Word, and put their great emphasis on understanding the Word, and we would work with all Christians, all who loved the Lord and try to help them all in every way we could. I was very happy about it for about 4 or 5 years.

Then there were certain men there who began to take the attitude, Now here is our whole doctrinal system, of 1000 points of what they called the Reformed Faith. Well now I would say the great central teachings of the Reformed Faith are clearly taught in Scripture. Clearly. I would stand without hesitation on them but when it comes to hundreds of other secondary points I would ==I don't think they should be allowed to divide Christians. I think we should encourage people to study the Word for themselves and think those things out. But this attitude--

Dr. Machen was out fighting modernism, speaking all over the country against unbelief, speaking under all kinds of auspices but these folks here were reaching the new students and getting them into that very narrow attitude which I didn't like at all. One thing that was quite important in all that was the question of premillennialism. Now that was not the basic thing at all, it was not the main thing, but it was a good illustration of the thing I was objecting to.

A great many of the supporters were premillennialists, and the people raising money for the school were telling people, We don't take a stand on premil or amil, but our professors can believe what they want. Now here is Mr. Wolley and Mr. MacRae, they are premillennialists! Well, Mr. Wolley was teaching church history and later on when I taught church history you learned about the great premillennialists in history, but when == But I never met anybody who had ever heard him say anything about premillennialism in his class. And I was teaching beginning Hebrew. Where would premil enter into that?

Then Dr. Allis resigned, and the last year I had the course in prophetic books to teach which was 5 hrs. a week. We went into the prophets and I showed I don't believe anybody can interpret the prophetic books fairly without teaching premillennialism. I think all the students were practically convinced by the end of that first semester. But the second semester I did not have them at all. In the courses in OT with Dr. Allis, he was knocking premil, and the class in Systematic Theology was knocking premil, and in some of the NT classes, Dr. Machen's assistant, Dr. Stonehouse, was knocking and they told the world we don't take a stand on this but with the students they were just undermining and attacking it very very strongly, you see.

It wasn't just a matter of premil but it was the gen. attitude you have got to follow ;this right down the line. A thousand points! I've heard recently that a very prominent evangelical pastor