

with my presentation. However, they said, they did not like the way Kuyper had spoken. They thought he had very much demeaned and belittled me. The way he had done it was a ~~rather~~ rather sarcastic attack, speaking about how he himself would always speak on the deity of Christ or the resurrection, or saying that he would take some important subject like that and then say, "Can you imagine ~~me~~ ME giving a sermon on a little minor subject such as the millennial kingdom of Christ?" They felt that it was a very ~~n~~ unfair attack upon me and felt they should tell me about it. When I heard this I saw that the attack upon me had begun, and, having seen what had previously the effects that had previously been made on the attitude of all the students toward Dr. Machen a year before, and also toward Carl McIntire, I knew that very soon I myself would be an object of obloquy to the whole student body and would have no further influence on anything if this sort of attack were continued with most of the faculty thus attacking me. I knew that this would certainly happen unless I attacked should attack first.

Looking back on it I am certain now that what I did was the right procedure. It was the only way of escape for ~~me~~ me from the situation or of being in a position to continue to accomplish something worth while for the Lord. The matter of premillennialism thus brought it to a head, but was actually certainly not the primary consideration. The primary consideration was the attitude that we must make an absolute fight over a thousand points that seemed to me to be comparatively minor issues, and lose all sight of the big major issues that which all claimed to believe, but which, if thus relegated to the background, seemed to me would destroy any meaning or ~~px~~ purpose of the seminary. I immediately began to prepare a statement of resignation. I read it to H. McAllister Griffiths, and he made two or three suggestions that were very helpful. I read it to Carl McIntire on the phone and he made one or two rather minor suggestions. Then I ~~sent a copy of~~ mailed a copy of it to Dr. Harold Laird who was the secretary of the Board of Directors, and gave it to the press. When the news came out Kuypers prospective son-in-law, who was eating in the dining club, immediately proposed that the students make an answer