

this misrepresentation at the assembly to all the presbyters. Now during that first year there had been a statement in the Presbyterian critical of Dr. Erdman's *attitude*. Dr. Erdman was trying to be friends with everybody and interested above all, it seemed, in advancing his own position and honor in the church. This article, which, I believe, was unsigned, made a reference to Erdman's position that was not very favorable. ~~Erdman~~ Erdman became upset and wrote a letter to the ~~magazine~~ magazine, calling on them to print his repudiation and disgust at the statement, ~~and~~ and he spoke in it of the wrong and bitter attitude shown by ~~those~~ "those members of the Princeton Seminary faculty who are also editors of the The Presbyterian." Dr. Machen was the only man who was the only man who was in both categories, and when this was brought to Dr. Erdman's attention he said that he had thought that Dr. Allis was also. Allis was just as strong in his stands as Dr. Machen was.

The Princeton Seminary was at this time controlled by two ~~boards~~ boards, a board of directors and a ~~board~~ board of trustees. The Board of Directors was strongly in favor of Dr. Machen's ~~position~~ position, but there was a strong minority that opposed it. ~~YN~~ In the Board of Trustees there was a strong minority that favored his position, but the majority was opposed to it.

During my first year at Princeton Dr. Greene, professor of apologetics, died, and the board of the seminary decided to elect to ask Dr. Machen to take the position. Dr. Machen was working in the New Testament field and did not want to leave it. However, it was pointed ~~out~~ out to him that a great part of ~~his~~ his work was really apologetics in nature, defending the Scripture and Christianity in general against attacks ~~by~~ from unbelievers, and that it would not be at all out of ~~his~~ order for him to be made professor of apologetics. He was only assistant professor of New Testament, although he was probably as well known as anyone in the faculty and more highly regarded as a ~~scholar~~ scholar than almost any other. These members of the Board of Directors ~~prevailed~~ prevailed upon him to accept their invitation to take this position. However, all professorships in Princeton/^{Seminary} had to be passed on by the General Assembly of the church. Ordinarily this was only a matter of form, but the enemies of what Dr. Machen stood for