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Westminster fellows told Dr. Machen that Wilbur was/[I forget the term he applied to him] Anyway he left The Independent Board, but he did not feel that Machen Machen rejoiced that he left but he did not feel Machen was responsible for it at all, and in his book he makes it dx sound as if some people were rather persecuted and it seems I got the impression that he thought I was one of the Machen group, though I am not sure. After all, this book was written only toward the very end of his life. Wilbur Smith had a reputation for writing bibiography. He collected a great library which he became the library of Fuller Seminary when it was formed which and then when Wilbur left Fuller he left the library there. Some people had the impression that Wilbur Smith felt that every book either the greatest book ever written on the subject or was a worthless book. He dealt in superlatives. I heard a most interesting story about With Wilbur once. Frank Gaebelein told me that he had made an appointment with Withd Wilbur to give a series of messages in the morning chapel during (this was weekday mornings) at Stony Book, and that he had made all arrangements for this series of meeting (talks?)

and then a very few days before very shortly before the Monday when the first meeting was to be held Wilbur phoned him and told him that he was having special meetings at his church in Coatesville. Wilbur phoned and told him that they were having these special and he would not be able to come give the series of talks in the chapel. Frank said that he spokex very sternly to Wilbur, told him that they had made all plans for the meetings, they had been announced, evrything was in readiness. He had promised some time ago that he would give the talks and it was up to him to do it. And he said Wilbur then agreed. But, he said, they had the meeting at the Coatesville church Sunday night, and then after the meeting Wilbur got the train from there to Philadelphia, and than a train from Philadelphia to New York, and then waited in New York until the milk train left New York early in the morning, and took that out the long slow trip out across Long Island--almost the length of Long Island to Stony Brook, arriving there in good time for the meeting, and he w said that Wilbur gave very excellent talks. WEXXE He said he did this every night of the week XXXX after- while they were having the meetings after evening meeting was finished, but he said the messages he gave were very excellent.

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