

It's hard to know where to begin the history of the Seminary; we might begin from the expulsion from the Garden of Eden. I think that would be a good place, but time's a ~~le~~ little short to go back that far. So I think I'll just go back to 1812. Up to 1812 it was customary in the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., when a man/ who was training for the ministry here should go through college and then should go and live in the home of a minister. And this minister would teach him, and he would study with this minister, he would observe his work, and then after a certain amount of study and observation with this man he would come before the Presbytery and ~~to~~ be examined and be ordained. Of course they had a very thorough college course before that which included a great deal of theological work instead. But then, in 1812, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. decided that something more ~~o~~rganized than that was desirable, and they called one or two men, two or three men, I believe, men known as scholars and leaders in Christian work to organize a seminary, which they ~~th~~ called ~~The~~ Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the ~~Us~~S.A., and they met at Princeton, New Jersey. And there they organized this seminary in order that these men should come there after finishing their college work and should receive the training there in a study of the Word, and then should go forth and present it after being examined by the ~~Presbyery~~ Presbytery. But from that little beginning of the first seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., there grew an institution which came to be called Princeton Seminary, though its official name always was The Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. And in this seminary, for over one hundred years, the emphasis remained pretty much as it was when ~~it~~ they began/. Union