

The result of that was that in faculty meetings we discussed everything at great length. I had a training that just as an instructor there I could not possibly have had without those faculty meetings. So I think that was part of the Lord's providential preparation for the founding of Faith.

Almost more important than that was that we had something of a clientel on which to build. When Westminster was founded they had Dr. Machen, and Dr. Wilson who had world-wide reputations. Dr. Allis was well known for a long time. They had the whole Presbyterian Church U.S.A. from which to draw support and students. Many people there were aware of the rise of modernism and of the stand Machen was taking, etc. They had all that for background.

Yet leaving Princeton with maybe 250 students, we had only 50 when we started, and of those 50 I think 8 or 10 had been sent to us by H. P. Sloan a Methodist leader. With all that we had a good start at Westminster.

But when we started we did not have all that. For us to have gone out from Princeton and tried to start a seminary, we would not have been in a position to build anything like that. But having the background of the 8 yrs. at Westminster, -- out of the Board of Westminster, the president of the Board had just recently died, and the VP, Sec., and Treas,-- all 3 of them-- came with us. So we had a substantial part of the background of the group with which we'd been working.

As far as a faculty was concerned, I was the only one who had had any experience in seminary teaching. There the Lord had providentially prepared, because when I started in Westminster I went to the U. of PA. and took graduate work,, and I took what I was interested in, and I took double the number of courses you'd need for a Ph.D. Then Dr. Speiser got after me-- "Why don't you write a thesis? and get the degree," and he sort of pushed me.

He said then you can take all the courses you want to on Ph.D. courtesy after that. Why not write the thesis and get the thing finished up? I did that just a year before we started. That was a great help for me to already have the degree, and not to have to put that additional time in on it, and also it gave an additional standing we would not have had.

Then as I mentioned last time, I think the Lord providentially worked in having the fine facilities in Collingswood not available to us, so we started at a different place, and Dr. McIntire was not in the close association with us that he would have been. Our connected was mostly in the Board meetings which he completely controlled, and whenever he came and spoke there was considerable influence, but he never got into details of the work or emphases or anything like that.