

I don't know what I could have done at Wheaton without Stam's help. When I first went out they were hoping to start the seminary there. Dr. Buswell, Stam and I were together making plans, and discussing things. That's how I first met him. He was founder of their conservatory of music and head of it for many years. I think it was the next time I was there Peter Stam was sohelpful. I was so glad because I had had such bad experiences at Westminster with fellows of Dutch background. One has an inclination to feel sort of down on fellows with a Dutch background when you have these unfortunate experiences with them.

But Dr. Stam was as Dutch background as anybody you'd ever find. I told him I was so thankful that right at this point where I might get a false prejudice, the Lord brought me in touch with such a fine fellow of Dutch background as you are. Dr. Stam was very helpful to me up until 1948 when he became our dean and registrar (at Faith).

Dr. Buswell was with us at Wilmington for 2 or 3 years, and then he got -- they were starting a new college in Des Moines (a Christiana college) and they got in touch with him about it and he was much tempted to go and then he didn't. Then the president of National Bible Institute in N.Y. died and they got after him to come there and be president of it. When he came to us he said he wanted --he said he'd kind of been forced into administrative work, and what he was interested in was teaching. He wanted to just be a teacher. But I think it was in his blood and he could not resist it.

So the next thing you knew he was president of NBI and coming down to Wilmington and teaching a day or two a week. Then he transformed it into Shelton College. But one time in 1951 Dr. Buswell and I were giving a course together in eschatology. We were each dealing --he from the NT viewpoint, and I from the OT--we were dealing with different passages and giving a unified course. One day he came to me and said, We have a crisis here such as an institution gets once in 100 years. He said, The only help I can see--he said, there is a man here we've had to fire in the middle of the semester and the students are absolutely devoted to him. He said the only way we can get through this is for you to come up and teach that course.

He said with your European experience, your background, and historical training I would think it would save the situation. School was already under way. I had a full schedule. I said if I do that you will have to take the whole eschatology course. I won't be able to handle that along with the rest. He agreed to do that. I used to go up there. The man who had the course--it was a 3 hr. course, and he arranged it 3 hrs. in a row which was a very foolish thing to do. In addition to that he gave a 1 hr. elective which required every student who took the course to take. He had been there a year and during that year he'd won his way into the hearts of the students, and been very easy going with what he said. And now the second year he came out and was a strong socialist. He came out in a strong way that just put them on the spot something terrible. They had to fire him in the middle of the semester. I went up and finished out the semester.