

be such a crowd of the graduates who would come back. We used to have long testimonys from them as to how the Lord was using them. The enthusiasm was tremendous.

I remember also at Westminster our first few years what pleasant times we had at our fall convocation and at our commencement. Onething in those days the fellows did nothave to world like they do today. I don't know if they could. ~~There~~ There were not many jobs in those days. And in those days the seminaries did not charge any tuition. The fellows could give most of their time to study and there was more of a leisurely attitude. Our commencemnt, our baccalaureate service, and our convocations were all largely attention. We met a lot of old friends then. Here we've had to be more hurried with these occasions, and we've cut them out.

We cut out baccalaureate our second year. And convocations-- so many fellows work that the number of students there is much smaller than it was then. That to me has been a bit disappointing ~~ezhere~~. Our first few years here they arranged to have an alumni meeting at dinner just before commencement. That meant there was practically no time for testimonies. To me those alumni meetings hwere were a great disappointment, but I was trying to get them to change it for some years. Finally this last year they had a special alumni meeting a month earlier last spring. That was really a good occasion.

It wasn't quite lake what those others used to ~~be~~ be. I don't know why, because I think our students appreciate what they are getting here every bit as much as they did then. But the enthusaism we had in those days was very ~~a~~ real thing.

There came the time -- in '47 it would be good to mention. I persuaded the board to give me money to go to Europe to get things. I've mentioned about my trip. They agreed. I asked for \$15,000. They gave me \$7500 with the expenses to come out of it. So as to have about \$6000 to buy books. If I could have gone a year earlier I could have gotten perhaps twice as ~~many~~ books. Because Kregle and others got ahead of me in that. Even so I got a lot of fine books for the seminary and some for myself.

The arrangement was all made to go there. Then I got a letter from Ockenga. He said we are planning to start a new seminary in Pasadena. He said, If Carl Henry, Charlie Woodbridge, and Ever~~et~~ Harrison and you can come we will start next year. Otherwise if you can't all come right away we'll start a year ~~ax~~ latter. He wanted me to come to Chicago and have a meeting. I showed that letter to my brother-in-law who was very shocked being very much of a Bible Presbyterian at that time.

I had to write Ockenga and had to say I just could not consider any changes at this time. I had persuaded the board to let me go over to buy books for the seminary this summer. Arrangements are all made. I can't consider leaving at this time. So I didn't go to Chicago to their original meeting. But they decided to go ahead and get started anyway.