

That put them in a terrible situation and all those fine businessmen who were on the board resigned. They had more than they could do to keep their own organizations afloat. Shelton was left holding the bag. I never met him, but he died. They asked Dr. Buswell to be president. He was then teaching at Faith. That was about '41 or '42. He went up there as president of the National Bible Inst. He gradually changed it into a college. He took Shelton's name for it and made it Shelton College. But you see they had that big debt hanging over them.

Then they found -- one of their faculty, I guess he was dean -- found a fine property in NY NJ -- a very grand big estate. A man could sell it for a very good price, but he had a great many fine plants there. He was devoted to plants. Had a fine library. He wanted whoever got it to guarantee to keep the gardens the way they were. Most people wouldn't do that. This fellow stumbled on to it, I guess-- this dean, and he was determined Shelton should move there.

Dr. Buswell felt they had a great evangelistic opportunity in the heart of NY City. Buswell ran an article in the S.S. Times about the great opportunities in NY, and the financial problems they were in and if they did not have adequate support they would have to leave NY. They did not get the added support, so the dean won out. So they moved up there and figured they could swing it nicely financially but they'd sold their NY property and the people who had bought it were unable to pay. So they had to sell it again at much less.

Then the thing somebody had not realized was that in NY they had maybe half their students were day students. They could come into NY just anywhere from by subway right to there, but to get up to this place just wasn't -- So they lost all of their transients. The result was they were in dire straits financially.

Dr. Buswell had a few years of struggling. The Board blamed him that he was so pessimistic -- they felt he was hurting it. When he left then they asked Jack Murray to come. Dr. Buswell had done a lot to clean up the financial situation in NY. He had done more there. I remember he took some lovely tapestries up there and sold them and those faculty members did not like it at all. But they needed the money a lot worse than they needed the tapestries. It's now sort of a museum of the State of NJ.

If you're ever up there it's worth seeing. A beautiful place. Students who were there love it. Of course they lost all those others, and when they were ready -- they were making their plans a month before school started and they said to the dean, there was some little disagreement between Buswell and someone else and they turned to the dean and said, What do you think of this? He said really it doesn't make a great difference to me because I won't be there anyway! They said, You won't? He said, No, I'm leaving; I've taken a position in Minnesota.