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 begun to devote my full time a dozen years ago if/~~unanticipated~~ crisis had not  
 made it necessary for me to undertake the a new the staabishment of a  
 new seminary, even though I was then five years past the normal retirement age.

The point you raised about the importance of the struggle over inerrancy  
 is a very good one and I desire to do my utmost to forward these matters. I  
 believe that the insights I have developed through the years into ~~problems~~  
 problems connected with inerrancy represent the most vital service I can render  
 in that direction. The studying of these and writing up about them. Even  
 here, however, there is a problem to be thought through, since I have received  
 requests from as far away as California and Texas to write up a full account  
 of my observation of the activities that resulted

developments connected with the downfall of Princeton  
 Seminary and the advance of modernism during the twenties and thirties. I have  
 noticed a steady decrease in my staying power. After one hour of teaching in  
 recent years I have been more ~~than~~ tired than after three or ~~four~~ four of  
 consecutive lecturing thirty years ago. This increase in tiredness also makes  
 the quality deteriorate, even if I/~~am~~ myself be not greatly conscious of this. It  
 I forget words more frequently and find it more difficult to remember exactly  
 what I wish to say than when I was younger. Until comparatively recently,  
 if a student took my elective his first year he was almost certain to take my  
 elective his ~~in~~ second year, and the majority overwhelming of those who took my  
 elective one year would take it the second year, and many of these would take  
 it a third year, with an occasional one even taking ~~it~~ the elective given a fourth or even a fifth  
 year. [Weren't they pretty stupid to take five years to get through?] The last  
 two or three years this has been reversed has been greatly cut down until this  
 year there were extremely few of those who took it last year who took it again.  
 Thus there has been a steady decline in the numbers signing up for my elective.  
 It is far better to stop lecturing when there might be some who would wish me  
 to continue than it would be to continue until they would wish I would stop.