

than they were in that sort of showing of their wealth. But here it was standing in ruins but solidly built, substantial and it looked as though - Dr. McIntire said we ought to get it. And he went to see the man who owned it and he asked a price - we couldn't possibly think of reaching it - and they dickered for a month or so and even then the price we couldn't reach. So Dr. McIntire finally said, "How about giving us the 3 buildings and 24 acres around them and not taking the other 10 acres over on this side here. And then give it to us for 2/3's of the price." And the man said, "Now there's something I could take an interest in." And they made the deal on it. And we sold our Wilmington property and moved up here and moved in. And we moved in and you should have heard the criticism of it. Some of our friends in Wilmington said, "To leave Wilmington!" Well we liked them and they like us but we'd outgrown it. But they said, "How ~~THEY~~ terrible to leave." One man said, "I'm going to start a new seminary in St. Louis if you do that" He said, "I'm not going to support you people up there." And today he is a trustee of a new seminary in St. Louis but it was four years before he did it. But that's what he said - he was very irritated at the thought of our leaving. One man said, one man spread it all over this country to lots of our donors, he said, "That's a white elephant that building. You can't possibly heat it. There's no decent heating arrangement in it. It will never do for a theological seminary. It'll bankrupt them trying to keep it up." And the way people talked about it - I guess any change is apt to be spoken of that way. It's a good idea to find out what is best and then to pray about it and if you're sure it's right, push ahead and don't worry what the people say. But you know we ~~WE~~ got the property and we moved in. And we didn't have time to get a heating system for it because the Wideners had a house over here somewhere - I don't know, not on our property at all. They had a boiler there that gave heat to - they had 300 acres - that gave heat to all of it and we didn't have that. We moved in here and there were pipes underneath in the sub-basement to carry the heat to all parts of this but we didn't have the place where the