

God has given us today. Well God has filled up our ranks. We have a fine faculty. You will have, I believe, as fine teaching as we've ever had in the history of the seminary. There may be one or two ~~men~~ who've left us who perhaps we can't find somebody right immediately to take their place that will have the scholarship quite as good as theirs, but I think the average of our faculty is every bit as good as it was last year and with the coming of Dr. Hedegard, I think it will be better than it was last year. But this I am determined - that our emphasis here shall be ~~as~~ as it has been our desire to be from the very beginning. That our emphasis be first on training men to preach Christ and win souls for him. That it be second, on standing for the whole word of God and the study of that word in order to see how you can teach people to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. And third, that it be in pushing the opposition to modernism, to Roman Catholicism, Communism, these forces that would like to engulf us, to destroy our freedom to preach the gospel, push that opposition all over the world. Those three emphases I want to have primary here. If somebody wants to discuss certain ecclesiastical differences, we're glad to discuss them on a viewpoint of simply discussing pros and cons. But if anybody wants to get heated over it and start attacking individuals, attacking leaders of our group on such matters or anything like that, this seminary is not the place for it. I know no one of you would think of any such thing but I wouldn't have thought any of them would, but we found it last year. But if anything like that ever gets started, we want to nip it in the bud because it's not the way to build a great seminary. I think last year we had as fine a type as we've ever had in the history of the seminary and yet I think our effectiveness last year was perhaps half what it was the year before because that thing came in. Our effectiveness, I think, has increased every year except for last year and it would have last year except for the coming of this. Now that's our third great crisis and we surmounted it. Not very far away from here, in an institution which I men-