

Opening Convocation for the 33rd Year of Faith Seminary
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Introduction by Dr. McIntire:

Dr. McIntire: Young men you who are entering the seminary, Dr. MacRae is president of the seminary. I am president of the Board. He and I have been together all these years. I've never missed a commencement, but I almost missed this one. Dr. MacRae I don't believe you've ever missed one either. When you had your accident we wheeled you in here in a chair. We've both been here since the day of the seminary. There's only one difficulty that I studied under him.. I saw him at Princeton and we went down to Westminster and studied Hebrew under him. He's a good teacher. In fact he's very good. We are grateful to God He has kept him and preserved him and maintained him. This summer in Cape May, Dr. Charlie Woodbridge who used to be with us years ago, and left, and did a complete circle, and finally gotten back to where we are again. He wrote the book of neo-evangelicals. He's been recommending that men come to this seminary. He won't recommend Westminster, and we don't either. He's recommending this school because of its apologetic but he said before a great company of at least 1000 people this summer that the greatest living Old Testament scholar today was Allan A. MacRae. You will have the privilege of studying under him-- a man whom God has given this == to this reformation movement. We're grateful we've been able to labor and work together these many years. It's my privilege as the president of the board to present to you tonight the president of the seminary whom I know you'll come to love and work with, Dr. MacRae.

Dr. MacRae:

I am quite overcome with that introduction. I was going to say as I started to speak to you that I had taught Dr. McIntire Hebrew so I think I deserve a large part of the credit for his excellence as a speaker. I will not guarantee that if you learn Hebrew well you will be able to speak as well as he does, but I will say that if you are going to learn to interpret the Bible accurately you will need to learn to interpret it in the original. It was my privilege to train him and he did excellent work and when he speaks about the Scripture he knows what he is talking about.

I remember back in those days there was a young man who came all the way from Michigan. We were told he was an old friend of one of our students, Carl McIntire. Carl McIntire had told him about the seminary and urged him to come. He came and was with a week or ten days and disappeared. He left a note. He said, I found I was not enough of a fundamentalist to get down to learn Greek and Hebrew. You have, as I believe I have had a great inspiration tonight. To stand for Christ and go forward and accomplish for Him. But now you are about to start a long period of druggery and hard work. The druggery and hard work is necessary if your life is going to accomplish for Christ. So I hope every one of you is enough of a fundamentalist to get down to the hard work of learning these languages so that you can speak with authority: This is what God's Word says. I've read it in the original, I know what it means, and this is what it says.