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I am very glad to have the opportunity of talking to you in this Seminary of which I have heard a great deal from Mr. Bayley and from Miss Hanes with whom I am staying during my visit to Philadelphia. You know, I suppose, that Miss Hanes is the successor of the donor of this particular building in which we meet this morning.

Now I want to make this as I understand it always is here a devotional hour. In order that we may fix our thoughts, I would like you to turn to the second chapter of II Timothy and the fifteenth verse. I'm always interested in the pastoral epistles. Personally I think there is no doubt whatever that they are essentially Pauline. I have never been able to understand how anybody reading the epistles of Paul and then reading the pastoral epistles can't see the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ assonances between the two. But I'm not dealing this morning with that particular point of view. I am merely expressing my individual conviction. I have no doubt whatever that in your course here you will get abundant evidence of what I have said.

But I want you to think with me for a little while about the conditions in which this epistle is written. Paul was about to be executed. He knew it. He said, "I am ready to be offered. ~~This~~ The time of my dissolution is at hand. I have fought the good fight," not "a" good fight please. It is isn'tt this unctious assertion about I'm a douty warrior. It is "I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Paul as all leaders and administrators was particularly anxious concerning his succession. Dr. MacRae, of course, doesn't wear his heart on his sleeve any more than I do, but if you penetrate deep down into the inner recesses of his being into even where Mrs. MacRae can't go, you would find that he is thinking sometimes, "What is going to happen when I'm gone?" If the Lord ^{carries} ~~carry~~ and this Seminary continues, who will take my place? Will the ^{principles} ~~cracifiers~~ for which I stand and ~~xxxx~~ which I hold so dear be ~~contin~~