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3) I do not ^{know} what your situation is as regards the draft. Personally I believe that if a man is anxious to serve the Lord in the active ministry, he ~~will~~ ~~perform~~ a greater service for his country by securing a full theological training, than he would ~~do~~ by adding one more soldier to the armed forces. The government evidently agrees with this, since it defers theological students and pre-theological students until they ~~do~~ have completed their theological training.

If a pre-theological student ~~is~~ is to be deferred, it is necessary that he have evidence that he has already been ^{tentatively} accepted by a theological seminary. I do not consider this as meaning that it is necessary that one be absolutely certain that this is the seminary at which he wishes to train. I do consider it as meaning that he is sincerely determined that when he finishes college it is his ~~an~~ intention to go to a theological seminary. If a man gives evidence of this intention, and has the requirements necessary for entrance to Faith, ~~on the provision,~~ of course, ~~on successful completion of his college course, we accept~~ him provisionally as a student for a future year. Then we are ready to notify the draft board if and when they ask for information about him.

In your case, since you come from a Calvinistic background, the normal thing would be for you to go to a seminary holding the Presbyterian viewpoint, such as we hold. If you were to change your mind later and go to one of a different view, that would, of course, be up to you. However, under present circumstances, it would impress me as entirely right for you to make application to a Presbyterian-minded ~~and~~ seminary and ^{receive} ~~accept~~ provisional acceptance.

If you would care to ^{do} this, you might ^{write} to our ~~Dean~~ Dean, and he will supply you with ^{an} application blank ~~and so on.~~ This, of course, would not bind