

Origin and Growth. The Seminary was founded in 1937 to train men for Christian leadership in days of widespread denial of the Word of God. It aims to combine the highest Christian scholarship with constant emphasis on vital spiritual life. The three-year course leads to the degree of B.D. or of M.R.E.; an additional year with honors' standing earns the degree <sup>of</sup> S.T.M. At the first opening twenty-four students registered; there are now over 130 in attendance, all of whom are college graduates.

Facilities. The Seminary began in the Sunday School rooms of a friendly church in Wilmington, Delaware. As its student body grew, its facilities were improved. By 1952 a new and larger campus became a necessity. Almost miraculously the famous Widener property, just north of Philadelphia, was secured. Built at a cost of many millions of dollars, capacious and beautiful, yet sturdy and solid, it proved to be ideally suited to the needs of a theological seminary. No similar institution in America has finer basic facilities.

Spiritual life. Constant emphasis is placed upon evangelism, missionary interest, the separated life, prayer, and dependence upon God. These interests pervade the classrooms, the prayer meetings, the chapel services, and the practical Christian work which the students carry on under faculty direction. In addition, two special hours a week are devoted to messages upon these subjects, many of them being brought by prominent visiting Christian leaders.

Sound in the Faith. The teaching is true at every point to