

My brother-in-law was dean of Covenant College for a couple of years. One of his principal jobs was to get new faculty members. He travelled rather extensively and told me he interviewed 70 different people as possibilities for their faculty, and his feeling was that at least 50 of them were ready to say yes to any doctrinal position he wanted to ask them to get the job!

We had a lot of contacts with Dr. Buswell and I had great regard for him. But I was sorry to see the disappointments he had in his life.

Neher: Well, after he was at Wheaton what happened to him then?

AAM: After he left Wheaton we invited him to Faith. The dean's nephew -- the dean was a peculiar fellow, nice fellow, fine Christian man. He'd taught at Occidental a year or two and then he was dean there. Later he taught at Houghton. Later he was President of Westmont. He was a lot of different places in his life. Very fine man. When his nephew came to Faith I saw him out there. He said, Do you think my nephew will amount to anything, or would it have been better if somebody had taken him out and drowned him when he was a little boy? A peculiar way to express himself! But his nephew was very loyal to him. He heard how the dean had been fired, and how it was Dr. Buswell's fault. It wasn't at all; he had stood up for him in the Board. But this was, I think, our first year. No maybe the second. I forget. Anyway it was very early. My brother-in-law who was a student then came to me, and talked about it, could we get Dr. Buswell? He said, If Dr. Buswell were to come here, we'd lose one student right away. Homer Emerson wouldn't stay if he was here. I was so happy -- we did get Dr. Buswell. I was so happy a week later to have Homer Emerson come up to me and say, Say in our course in Systematic theology this morning, Dr. Buswell just took Dr. VanTil's whole philosophy and just laid it right out and exposed