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next to the railroad station. This church was empty. They hadn't had services for about 6 months. So they got hold of the trustees of the church and asked if they could hold services there. The trustees gladly agreed to let them hold services. Then when the Presbyterian hierarchy heard of it, they got in touch with the Methodist hierarchy and the Methodist leaders got a meeting with the trustees of the church and told them they should not allow these rebels from the Presbyterian church to use their building which was vacant! at the time.! They talked strongly to them. But itso happened that one of the trustees was the son of a very fine minister, a Christian man. He stood right up to them. He said, We have taken this action and permitted them to use the building; we're agreed to sell it to them, and we will not go back on it.

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The Methodist leaders then put a lock on the door of the church' so they could not use it. Dr. Laird consulted a lawyer who k said, You have this agreement from the trustees of the church to sell the church to you and allow you to hold services in it until the deal is actually settled and so he said, You have a right to tear off the lock and go ahead. Which they did.

That situation had been going on for 3 or 4 months when I resigned from Westminster. When I resigned, Dr. Laird resigned as Secretary of the Bazrd. The Vice Pres. of the Board resigned. The President of the Board who would have been thoroughly with us, I'm sure if he was living had died just a few months before and they hadnot filled his position. So all the leaders of the Westminster Board, officers of it did resign at that time. So I told you how Dr. McIntire and I had thought of starting a seminary at Wheaton. Dr. Buswell was very anxious to do it but his board would not want to complicated things by getting into these controversies, and refused to allow it. So it

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