

Presbyterian that came to Westminster in the entering class, and they had 6 from Calvin College in Mich. that came. The next year the Christian Reformed Church made a rule that anyone who preached in their churches must have at least one year in their own seminary so they did not get so many more. Fortunately for them they made that the next year. Because except for those fellows who were from the Christian Reformed Church and going back to it, they would not have had but one student that year! The man who was there who later became head of the whole business and money raising arrangements at Westminster told me shortly before his death. He told me about Ed Palmer whom I had not heard about before, and he told how when Palmer came as a student to Westminster he said it was almost individual tutoring, the number was so small. They went down, and we had a wonderful start with 25 and kept growing. Nothing like the growth we've been having here. But we were not then in a trend like we are having now. In the last 10 years there has been an increasing trend of seminary. Some think we can forecast that trend and say how many we can have a few years from now, but those things go in cycles and I don't know how we can know that the trend won't go down as it has done so often in the past. The Lord sent us some marvelous students.

The next thing was to get a faculty. All they had was me as yet. The Lord had marvelously provided R. Laird Harris. I knew Harris as a student at Westminster. I knew him as a nice fellow. I knew him as a top Hebrew student. One time when I was entertained at a place with John Murray at Westminster he praised Harris to the skies and it was from him that I began to realize what a brain Harris had. And what a fine thinker he was. My last year when Dr. Allis had left and I had control of the OT Department, I was anxious to have Harris