

We looked around for a property, and after we'd looked around for a bit, Dr. Laird offered us the use of his church. The facilities were not anywhere near as good as what was available in Collingswood. On account of his being on the Independent Board he had been dropped from Presbytery, and a the great multi-million dollar church he was pastor of was no longer available to us, and they had been able to get a defunct Methodist church, and it was not particularly good facilities but it was available for us and we got along.

It meant that our students and faculty pretty largely attended that church, and heard Dr. Laird's wonderful preaching which was really a seminary course in itself. It was very very excellent, and worthwhile.

Then the Lord made it possible for us to have an outstanding group of directions. Men who were well-known, and had and brought us a great deal of support. Many people said, We don't know anything about this school, but we know these directors. We had an outstanding board from the start. We had the Vice President and Treasurer of Westminster. That was Dr. Laird who had been secretary there. Roland K. Armes had been Treasurer there, and he was our treasurer. Dr. Brumbaugh had been a member of the board there right from the start. He was pastor of a sizeable church in Seattle(?) (Tacoma) which had by this time left the Presbyterian Church M U.S.A.

Mr. Paist was a fine businessman who had been on the Westminster Board who was with us. Dr. McIntire and I went to see Percy Crawford, and he did not have time to go to meetings but he said he would help us get started and would let us have his name as one of our Board. His name was of considerable help that way.

Dr. Lathem was pastor of the big Third Church in Chester, and he was a member of our Board. Then there was James R. Graham who had been a missionary under the Southern Presbyterian Church. He was quite a fine speaker and had considerable influence. He was a member of our Board also. The Lord gave us a marvellous Board to start with.

I don't know as a group they had a great deal of wisdom about seminary matters, but they certainly gave us a name and a standing. When we got the Board planned, then Dr. McIntire put an ad in the Beacon, that was here was this Board that wanted to start a seminary and asking for suggestions for a place to meet.

We did not get any that were very satisfactory, and then we found Dr. Laird's suggestion that we could use their property there, and of course that was good because it brought us into close touch with him and his church.

It's interesting there to mention this: The Westminster faculty had pretty thoroughly indoctrinated the students there. They had--Most of them had been pretty well indoctrinated in the stand of the seminary, against the modernists of the Presbyterian