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for rent signs. Later people told us it was MXRXXXX years since they remembered ever seeing a house in a that two or three block area that had a For Sale sign -- one more than one house. Here 4 of them were avilable and he thought they would be excellent for our purposes.

In the next 8 yrs., one of those houses we had 3 faculty members in it on the 3 floords and one of them was dormitory for single students and was one was divided into 3 apartments for married students. It seemed like a very unusal provision for us there.

Then another great provision, was the support of Dr. Buswell. He was president of Wheaton College and due to his influence a large number of students had gone to Westminister. Then these students came very much under this strong influence at Westminster and they decided that what they had had in College was very elementary, and that men like Dr. Buswell really didn't know much. These were the scholars who knew anything. He had some disappointments in the attitude of the people he had persuaded to go to Westminster and particularly in that last year when they were inculcating in the students a strong opposition to premillennialism and a strong opposition to any idea that it's wrong to smoke or drink alcholic beverages, etc.

Dr. Buswell was very much interested in our project here. He did not feel he should come on our Board because we had originally talked of starting a serminary at Wheston, and he'd been all enthused about that, and then the Board turned him down. In view of their having done that, he didn't feel he should come on our Board, but he was ready to give us every possible help.

Out of our 25 students we had our first year, at least 7 or 10 came from Wheaton through his influence. So that was providentally provided for us. When we started to have --planning to have a seminary at Wheaton he had me come out and speak in two successive chapels. I spoke on archaeology in these two chapels, and that introduced it to the students. It was very helpful in getting these students that first year.

These were the ways, I would say, in which the Lord had very providentally given us advantages. When it came to a faculty, they said I was the only one with any teaching experience. I was the only one with a doctor's degree. Dr. Harris had taken a master's degree with me at Westminster. At first there were only a few faculty members as we planned it. Dr Harris and myself. He did not get his doctor's degree for another at least 10 more years. I forget, but it was quite a few years before he got his doctor's degree.

But we two started, and Harris was very well regarded by the students and the faculty at Westminster. In fact, I had first become aware of him through John Murray telling me how his classes in theology, how Harris raised questions. And he said sometimes