

But, we four I would say were the only full-time members. So from an ~~academic~~ academic viewpoint, it was a start that would not have been given the right to give degrees! in PA. But there was where you might say we were fortunate again. Dr. Laird that -- we looked for a place to meet. We looked at some places in PA. and thought seriously of coming here, but we did not find any place satisfactory, and Laird offered us the use of his church.

The natural thing was to then, well we had to then incorporate in Delaware, and at that time all you had to do to get the right to give degrees in Delaware was to incorporate and say ~~xxx~~ in your statement of incorporation that part of your purpose was to give training for degrees. You could have said for this degree, or for that degree, but I put in it that we would have the right to give such degrees as were given for similar attainments throughout the world! So we could give any degree we wanted to!

And Westminster, after we left there, it was two more years before they were able to give any degrees, whereas our first year we gave degrees to our students. That, of course, was a quirk, but providentially it worked out to help us.

We had some very outstanding new students. One was my brother-in-law. He wasn't then, but much later became my brother in law, John Sanderson, a graduate of Wheaton. Another was Vernon Grounds, who entered at that time. We had some very outstanding fellows among the student body.

But academically it was L. Harris and myself. Eppard had work under Machen and he had had some work at Edinburgh. I never heard anybody speak of him as really an outstanding teacher at all. In fact some said Saville was a much better teacher than Eppard was. But he had a marvellous memory, a memory for facts. He did a great deal of reading. It was a real help to us having him there, though there was a time of dissatisfaction with different aspects of his teaching.

But he was with us right through the whole 34 yrs. He was a classmate of McIntires. McIntire always had a very soft spot in his heart for Eppard. We worked very hard that year.

Of course getting going like that, having these students, somebody said to me once, You've got a fine group of students here who are very loyal and interested, but they could disappear as fast as they came. He said, It's very important to keep their loyalty, and to increase it.

One thing I did during that first year -- for a while every week I would have a meeting with the 5 seniors, and the 2 middlers. See we only got 2 out of the first year class at Westminster. There were only 2 of them that came with us. And then 2 representatives from the first year--15 men were first yr. students, and 2 representatives which changed from week to week.