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Discovery of an unsuspected element--Edith Schaeffer

It is a great pleasure to remember my many contacts through the years with Francis Schaeffer. He was at Westminster two years while I was teaching there and then had his last year at Faith. During his first year at Westminster I do not believe I was aware of him. Toward the end of the second year, when things were heating up he came to me and told me that he stood with me in my differences with the way the seminary was going. When I resigned from the seminary he told me of his desire to stand right with me. He ~~wish~~ wished he could help on the Beacon during the summer with Dr. McIntire, but Dr. McIntire was not interested.

Francis introduced me to his father-in-law, ~~Dr.~~ Dr. Seville and I had dinner at the Seville's home. Dr. Seville was very thorough with us in what we were trying to do, and our viewpoint. Shortly after I resigned from the seminary the trouble struggle came ~~over~~ over the possession of The Independent Board. Charles Woodbridge, who was general secretary of the Board, spent his time for the previous two months propagandizing in the church for the viewpoint ~~of~~ of the majority of the Westminster folks (bw?), and neglected the correspondence with the missionaries, simply telling them that he would write fully a month later on the various problems that they presented. There was a meeting of the Independent Board at which the ~~group~~ group who stood with us won the decision by one vote. Then they immediately elected me as a member of the Board, along with two or three others. We then had complete control of the Board [I won't take time now to tell about the disagreement with the missionaries who had been appointed and the tales of the confrontation]. Immediately thereafter Charles Woodbridge resigned from the Board, saying that his resignation would take effect in three months, and he would spend that three months getting things ~~in~~ into shape to leave it. In view of the strong propaganda that he had been giving it was quite obvious that if it continued should continue three more months there would be nothing left of the Board.

A special meeting of The Independent Board was held and I was asked to step into the office for a month. The Board voted to accept Charlie's resignation effective ~~immediately~~ immediately and I was asked to step into the office for half time a month ~~to get things into shape for the next year.~~ to get things into shape for the next year. It was quite necessary that