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at that time, in West Virginia, and he had studied in Scotland, he was well prepared for the work, but had no experience in teaching at that time. We recruited a small faculty, I was the only experienced man on the faculty and we started out. But we started with this testimony. with this stand which we took, and God blessed our stand. God sent us students, He sent us money enough to keep going. We never had money to be shead at any time, we've never had money yet to be ahead at any time. Sometimes we've gotten behind but we've managed to keep our heads above water and to keep going. And He's increaded our influence. Students have come to us from all over the world. We had 25 students our first year, I think 32 our second, and 37 our third, and 47 the next, I think it was 53 the next and for a number of years there was an increase every year in our student body. And pretty soon the Sunday School rooms proved too little. After 4 years we couldn't meet there. And then the war had begun in Britain and a British firm came to a woman in this country and said we would like to buy your interest in an American steel corporation and she owned a fair amount of stock - her father had been vitally connected with it and she was so pleased with the offer they made that she called up Mr. Armes, our Treasurer, and do you know of a good place where Faith Seminary could have a home where it wouldn't be meeting in just a Sunday School building. If I sell this this way, I'd like to buy it for you." And Mr. Armes found a lovely building in Wilmington, excellent for a seminary of about 50 or 60 students. And he looked at it and made all arrangements to buy it and then the British firm changed their mind and didn't buy the stock. So he went to the woman and he told her, he said, "I found this place and it's just wonderful". He said, "The semiaary is just too jammed together in these Sunday School quarters. That's wonderful of you to offer to get it for us." "Well@" she said, "they've withdrawn the offer". "Well", he said, "what a thing it would be for the Lord's progress, EXXEEXXEXXXX if you were to get it@". She said, "I will". And so she got it for us but she said,