

and various ecclesiastical matters - there were knots of them around the hall arguing and fighting against one another and criticizing some of our Board of Directors , and how can you study under those circumstances and get what you should get. Well, that, I trust, is all over. I trust we'll never have anything like that again. But two very excellent men on our faculty, whom we treasured highly, became convinced that in order for them to stand for the Word of God as they felt they should, they should join with others in starting a new seminary in St. Louis which would stand, not for the American Council, not for the International Council, which would oppose certain minor points about those organizations, but which would stand for a greater emphasis on Bible Presbyterianism. Now personally I believe in Bible Presbyterianism. I believe its a teaching of the scripture but I think that the differences between Bible Presbyterianism and other Christians are tiny compared with the difference between all Christians and all who deny the diety of Christ and I believe that we do more for the Bible Presbyterian Church in putting a sane emphasis on the intermediate points and putting our primary emphasis on the great things of the Gospel, than we do in feeling that we have to have an institution that is purely connected with the emphasis of one denomination. Now these men have a different view and I say the Lord bless them in it. They are starting a tremendous undertaking. To start a new seminary today is even harder than when we started ours. We have a library that we've built up in 19 years and that's about the hardest thing in building a seminary is building a good library. I spent 1947 the summer in Europe gathering books for it and we've been working and it's hard and it takes years to build up what is important in making a worth-while institution. Now they've got some fine people among them - maybe they can do it sooner. I pray the Lord to bless them in their endeavor. But I wish they hadn't felt they had to leave us and remove their influence and their support and their help from us because we need all the help we can get to carry out the vision that