

that seminary in starting a new seminary. I was the only member of its faculty who had had teaching experience. I was the only member of the faculty who had an earned doctor's degree. We had ~~not~~ no money, no resources, no property. We had nothing but our faith, so we called it FTS°. Under these circum° would it be possible for us to make a start? Should we ~~not~~ leave an institution that was becoming established and start with nothing but our faith? We decided that nothing is so important as ^{being} ~~to be~~ true to God. The testimony that the old P° had carried on for a century must be carried further.

In certain aspects we felt that testimony could be clarified or improved. The old P° had failed to give proper emphasis to eschatology. (word not clear - sounds like "anent")(any?) Premillennialism had been tolerated but scorned. We were convinced that God clearly teaches the importance of the return of His Son from heaven, and knowing that our efforts to build an earthly paradise are bound to fail, because of the sin in men's hearts, it is only as we keep looking to Christ and following Him that we can expect God's blessing. So we stepped out on faith to endeavor to stand for Him. We ~~felt~~ felt like the ~~first~~ pioneers who stood at Jamestown and looked across the waters and wondered how many months or years would elapse before they could become established, or ~~whether~~ whether they could even survive at all.

Within a few days after the announcement of the founding of FS° three ~~men~~ seminary seniors, men with real ability and insight, applied to be students. It was an excellent start. Then many weeks went by and no other ~~applications~~ applications came. I dreamt one night that October 1, the date set for our new opening, had come, and only these three men were in attendance. One of the directors ~~said~~ ^(XXXXXX always XXXXX never XXXXX) said, "If we have ten men in our first class the seminary the first year I shall be satisfied. Another said, "I have faith enough to look for a dozen." But when the seminary opened we found that God had sent us twenty-five students, a very respectable number for the start of an institutions.