

My Experiences at Westminster Seminary

Whatever Whenever one starts in an account of his experiences there is always a background, and one wonders how far one should go into the background. I believe I should write a specific account of my very interesting experiences at Princeton Seminary. For the moment I shall content myself with pointing out the fact that during the three years that I was at Princeton the modernists were making a strong effort to silence the voice of that venerable institution, and two years after I graduated they succeeded. During these two years I was studying in Germany. As I approached the end of my second year in Germany I realized how much value there was to be gained from a third year in that the University of Berlin and was really anxious to stay another year. At the same time I knew that there was a possibility that the new seminary might be started and that they would desire me to participate in it. I had had very close contacts with Dr. Robert Dick Wilson during my last two years at Princeton, and he had obtained for me a special fellowship in Semitic Philology which had paid part of the expenses ~~for~~ of my study in Berlin.

If he needed my help I desired to give it to him. Yet I did not know whether things had yet reached were yet near such a point. At Princeton Dr. Oswald T. Allis was Dr. Wilson's assistant, as far as I knew there was no further need there at that time if conditions were to continue such that there would be no beginning then of a new seminary.

At Berlin there were two terms in the university, one through the winter months and one through the summer months. Between these terms were about two months of vacation. As the summer semester drew toward its close I wondered what I should be doing the following year. I wrote Dr. Wilson and asked his advice and he wrote back no, not this was earlier than that, this was during the latter part of the winter I received a letter from Dr. Wilson in which he said that during the following at the meeting that May or June of the General Assembly of the Pres^o Ch^o U.S.A. ~~time~~ there would be an effort made to elect him as moderator, and there would also be an effort made by other people to destroy the witness of Princeton Seminary. He said