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Heading: Fuller Seminary

The other evening I was talking with John and Pearl Sanderson and told something about my early experiences in connection with the founding of Fuller Seminary, and thought occurred to me that it might be worth while to get some of the ideas down on paper--some of the recollections. It came in the spring of 1947. At that time I had, with considerable ~~fx~~ difficulty, persuaded the leaders of Faith Seminary to agree to let me give me money to go to Europe and buy books for the seminary library. After quite a bit of discussion I succeeded in winning their approval, although they did not give me anywhere near as much money for the purpose as I had asked. After these arrangements were all complete, and I was planning to spend the summer buying books for the seminary in Europe, taking advantage of the opportunity that would probably never come again. Actually, if I had gone in 1946 the opportunity would have been far greater. I found out, when I got over there, that during the previous year your ~~Gaige~~ Kregel had gone to Europe and had purchased just about everything he could find that he thought would be of interest to Chn° people, and I went into Holmes (sp?) book store, for instance, in Glasgow, and where I had been told was a wonderful place to get good second-hand religious books, and I ~~fm~~ found that the number they had was perhaps not a twentieth of the number that they had had a year before. I had written to ~~Gaige~~ Kregel and he had written back trying to discourage me from going. He said how disagreeable the living was, how ~~xxx~~ cold and unpleasant. Of course I went in the summer. He had gone a different part of the year I think season. But he purchased many, ~~many~~ many book anywhere from 25 cents to a dollar, brought them back here and sold them from \$3 to \$6 a piece a piece, and must have made a great deal of money from it, and also left continuing orders. In Holmes book store bookstore, for instance, they told me that they would get whole libraries that they would purchase and the bulk of them would never even be brought into their store, but would be shipped off to Kregel in America. However, even despite that, I did find a great ~~xxx~~ many very good buys of excellent books, and the trip was very/worth well while. As I said, it would have been far more worth while if I had done it the year earlier, but I did not ;know about ~~xx~~ this. Perhaps I should have been able