

FAITH SEMINARY STEPS FORWARD

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The building of a good seminary is by no means an easy undertaking. Many have been started which have either fizzled out or have continued as insignificant and unimportant institutions. In the founding of Faith Seminary the Lord blessed with a wide list of influential supporters and also with a faculty which had a background of experience and knowledge of seminary administration and teaching in two successful seminaries. During the years the growth of Faith Seminary has been steady and solid. There has never been an sudden mushroom growth but a steady and constant improvement and increase. Two years ago the student body reached a total of 120, which was quite the largest in its history. Yet the past year saw a greater increase than ever before, with a student body of 156. Graduates of the Seminary are now active in many parts of the United States and Canada, and on several other continents, raising a witness to the Truth of the Word of God, leading souls into precious faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and giving Christians that assurance and serenity which is produced by knowledge of the great doctrines of the Reformed Faith.

As the Seminary has grown there has been constant pressure exerted on all its facilities. Year after year it has been necessary to move the library, or the dining room, or to make shifts in the quarters allocated to classes, in order to find space for the enlarging needs. Much time and energy has been consumed every year in making adjustments and changes. With increasing frequency it has been found necessary to rent or to purchase additional buildings, and to spend much time and funds in adapting them to our needs, even when it was obvious that still further adaptations and enlargements would be necessary a year or two later.

Under these crowded conditions, the Board of Directors, over a year ago, decided an intensive search should be made for a property that would be suitable for the Seminary's needs and would allow possibilities of expansion. Property