

It was almost inconceivable! It just didn't seem possible <sup>that</sup> ~~But~~ the first year starting so late as that <sup>we</sup> would have that many fine students for our very first year of the seminary. ~~And so~~

And so we started out and God has wonderfully blessed for I believe it was three or four years we met in the Sunday School rooms down there, and we used to say, "Isn't it wonderful? Nobody comes here because of grand buildings. They come here because they want the teaching. There's nothing in the way of a great campus to bring them. People that want that sort of thing go somewhere else. They come here for our teaching." And then the Lord gave us this seminary ~~and~~ unexpectedly and suddenly just when we were ready to need it. And so the Lord's ~~hand~~ hand has been with us through these eleven years. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing and leading; and we feel that there is as great need today as when we were founded for the objective which we are trying to ~~carry~~ carry out here, the objective of training men to serve Christ and put Him first in everything; men who are seeking not for an old institution with a lot of prestige to get them a good church; but men who are seeking for the greatest opportunity, ~~if~~ that of serving the Lord, whether it be in a great church or in a small church; whether it be in a place where thousands will hear them or where a few will hear them. Numbers are not the important thing with the Lord; the important thing is are you where He wants you? Men who are anxious to get a training absolutely true to the Word of God and to get the best training that they can get. Because, I believe, that the training that we are giving today here may be far inferior to the training we would like to give, and I wish we could give, and I hope the Lord will enable us to give. But I believe that it is far beyond the training that was given in any other institution I've ever been connected with. I hope it can be tremendously extended. There are many weak points in it, and I know that you will help in helping us to see them; but the minute you see something that you think could be improved in the seminary, don't decide that "My, why didn't people have sense enough to see this