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the emphases that Calvin promoted. After the end of my first five years at Westminster I began to feel more and more that my time there was being wasted. Instead of preparing great leaders to defend and present the Word of God the school was in many cases motivating its subdents to spend their time fighting other Christians. I was more and more unhappy, for it seemed to me that my work was not helping to advance the primary positions on which the seminary had been founded. Thus the time came when I felt it necessary to depart and to help the formation of another new seminary.

It was a joy to take part in the founding of Faith Seminary. I was the only experienced teacher in its original faculty, and for many years I had almost complete control over its teaching and administration. The president of the Board desired to maintain a seminary that as far as doctrine and general viewpoint were concerned was entirely in line with my own desires. The only important point of difference was the great emphasis that he placed on ecclesiastical involvement and his refusal to consider for the faculty anyone who was not completely in line with him on all such matters. This made it impossible to seek to recruit scholars of high caliber from other institutions. Although this handicap distressed me at times it did not greatly bother me, since my former students at Westminster and the later ones at Faith profided a reservoir of excellent men whom I had trained. Outstanding among these were Dr. R. Laird Harris and Dr. G. Douglas Young. Had it not been for this handicap, and for the fact that funds were always quite limited, I have no doubt that the institution could have become one of the leading evangelical seminaries in the world.

In meetings of the Board of Trustees the president of the Board exercised absolute-authority over matters of external relationships, finance, etc., but the Board rarely interfered with my leadership in the internal affairs and educational life of the Seminary. During these years the seminary stood very close to the

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