

In the early years we met in the Sunday school rooms of a friendly church in Wilm°, Del°. An important ~~problem was housing~~ question was the housing of our students. (and faculty?) We knew nothing about possibilities as to places for them to live. Later on I was told that on 14th street ~~for~~ Fourteenth Street, the street on which the church stood was located where our classes were later(?) held started, during the previous several years there ~~had~~ rarely been more than one house offered for sale at a time. One of the three first seniors who came to us helped me greatly in laying the plan for the new seminary. I asked him to go to Wilm° and look/ around and see what could be found about housing. He went to 14th street, and there, just two blocks from the seminary, from the church where the seminary classes were to meet, he found in one block four houses well adapted for use as dormitories, that had ~~just~~ just been offered for sale. We were able to purchase these houses, and provide satisfactory dormitories dormitory for our single students, and quarters for several of the married students.

During that first year we often wondered where the money would come from for carrying on for the next week or month. When I would meet an old friend from Princeton he would say, "Well, do you think you'll last another month? Do you think there's much chance you can continue through the winter?" I always said, "If we are following as God desires us to go I believe that He will see us through." ~~But~~ God blessed in many unexpected ways. He showed His providential care most remarkably. The seminary ~~prospered~~ prospered; more students came to us. After a few years we were given (the gift of) a fine mansion half-way between where the seminary lived (?) and where I had rented an ~~apartment~~ apartment, which made a n excellent place for our classes, but we still held chapel in the auditorium of the church where we had started. Dr. Shields of Toronty came once to speak to us. On one of his visits to speak to us he said, "This is no place to train students." I said, "What do