

During my last two or three years at Westminster I often remarked to my mother that I felt that my time was being completely wasted as far as accomplishing anything for the Lord was concerned. At the end of the eight years things came to a head through a series of somewhat involved circumstances. I became perfectly obvious that I would soon either be a very inconsequential and unimportant member of the faculty, with little influence on anyone, and continue on that basis, or would have to get out. When I saw a movement against me reaching a point at which I would very soon have lost all influence with the students I took the bull by the horns and wrote a letter of resignation. I sent it to the Board of Directors and gave a copy to the press.

During this time at Westminster Carl McIntire acquired a very great admiration for the members of the faculty and felt a very great loyalty to them. He did his best to continue to support them in every way but when he criticized certain attitudes they treated him with such harshness that he was forced into a position of opposition. He asked to appear before the faculty and spoke to them but could make no impact whatever. Then I resigned from the faculty and he was willing to go along with me in the decision to start a new seminary. The president of the Board of Directors of Westminster had died a couple of months before that time and the vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Board all resigned, and joined us in forming the new seminary.

We decided to open the new seminary in Wilmington, Delaware, in the church of Dr. Harold S. Laird, who had been secretary of the Board of Westminster Seminary. Very soon after we announced our decision to start the new seminary three men, Douglas Young, John Young, and Francis Schaeffer gave us their applications for transfer. Shortly after that I dreamt that October 1st came and these three were the only students we had. However, it did not work that way. Dr. Buswell gave us his support and we had a very substantial group from Wheaton College, a number who had come from Westminster. Five seniors and two middlers and one or two graduate students transferred from Westminster and there were about 15 first-year students.