

made a talk, kind of very cleverly running us down, very clever. Then I was to respond after one or two others. The thought occurred to me and I said my life has been an ascending life. I went to Princeton Seminary, and Princeton was the name of a town. I went there. Then, I went to Westminster. That's the name of a place too, but it's a place that is famous in religious history. Westminster Abby, etc. So that was a step up! Then, that's a place famous in history. But then I went to Faith. That's a great Christian quality. That's a step up from any place. So I went to Faith and that's a quality you have. But now, I said, I'm at Biblical which is what God has given as the basic central thing! My life has been going up all these years!

We felt that Biblical expressed what we wanted to stand for. And what we wanted to be our center, our basic thing. That's why we decided to call ourselves Biblical Theological Seminary. Then Dr. Murray and I went out to Harrisburg and saw the State Dept. of Ed. We had to get their permission to give degrees. They said, We won't give permission to give degrees to any school until it is running already. That's alright, but it meant then we had to get going before we could really make an application and they would come to examine everything.

Dr. Murray had printed copies of his Bulletin--4 pp. printed telling of the new venture, starting Biblical Theological Seminary. He had the first copy of it with him there and showed it to him. The man said, Oh, but we do not allow any institution in the State to call itself a college or a seminary until it has the right from the state to give degrees! So we had to be in operation before we could get that way, but we could not call ourselves a seminary until we did get that way! So we said, Suppose we call it Divinity School? No, he said Divinity suggests that means an advanced school too. Can't do that until you have the right to give degrees. We said, How about calling it Biblical School of Theology. He said, That would be alright. We had to tear up all those papers and we called ourselves Biblical School of Theology.

We used that term until we got the right to give degrees and and of course we gave it to all our graduates from the start then. We got that right to give degrees, then this man said, You know I've been talking to the Dept. of Ed. in Washington, and the people there insist you are a Bible School, you are not a seminary. He said, You ought to change your name now to seminary. I was used to saying Biblical School of Theology by that time and I like it. So I did not pay much attention to his saying that. ~~XX~~ Then as we thought it over we decided we'd have to. Then we found and remembered in our constitution it said, Any change in constitution has to be proposed in one annual meeting and voted on in the next one. So that meant it would take us a yr. and a half to change the name. So we went thru that yr. and have and changed the name.

We wrote a letter to him telling how we were changing the name. He sent a hot letter back: What's that you are doing? What right have you to do that? I wrote back and said, Well it was your suggestion and we're grateful for it but we have been slow adopting it. He said, Oh, that's OK then!