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There is much to lead one astray from continuing with the work to which the Lord has called ~~me~~ him. Sin may sometimes seem to draw with an almost irresistible urge. In such cases one should look to the Lord for help. It is often useful also to look for human assistance. I can assure you that any member of our faculty will be very glad to (nc) consider it helpful to talk with ~~a~~ you and pray with you when temptations assail you. It is not our desire to criticize or to seek into your private affairs, but to be available to be of assistance in every possible way in order that you may develop into a useful servant of our Lord and may resist the wiles of the devil. But it is not only obvious sin that can ~~xxxxxxxx~~ lead one to turn back from God's ~~service~~ service. Since seminary, like people everywhere become tired, ^{tends} tend at times to become discouraged, see others living a much easier ~~xxxxxx~~ life and feel, what's the use of pushing ~~forward~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ forward? Every time someone who has put his hand to the plough and set out to make ~~HIM~~ his life count for Christ is led astray by sin by weariness ~~by~~ or by any of the many means that Satan uses to divert us from our task how the devil greatly rejoices. When we are tempted to throw the whole ~~xxx~~ thing over, it is wise to recall the words of ~~xxxxxx~~ the hymn, "I gave my life for thee; what has thou given for me?" Think of what Jesus did for us. How little is a whole life of service in comparison with the sacrifice that He made in order that we might be ~~f~~ saved. How much we owe to Him. The power of pushing forward, of persevering, of moving steadily toward ~~xxxxxx~~ our objective, is something that is needed if ~~xxxxxx~~ one is to accomplish for Christ or to accomplish in anything ~~v~~ else in life. We are (?) There are those who have made a good start and then fallen by the wayside. May God give us each the ~~gxx~~ grace to push on push forward let nothing stop us. Something may divert us, something may cause us to make a temporary change of course, but us let us keep our eyes on the goal that Christ has set before us, the goal to make our lives count to the utmost for Him.