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Dear Mr. Montgomery:

It was indeed good to hear from you. I was particularly pleased that you ~~were~~ ^{stated} so strongly convinced that your need after college is for a good sound seminary course. ~~I am absolutely certain that this is vitally needed if you are to serve our Lord Jesus Christ most effectively.~~ ^{are}

Dr. Peter Stam, our Dean and Registrar, was in the office when your letter came and he immediately sent you a brief statement about expenses here. Of course, conditions may change some by the time you are ready to go to seminary, which, if I understand correctly, should be in the Fall of 1952. It is hard to know what economic conditions will be at that time. However, many of our students are married and they have all succeeded, in one way or another, in making ends meet. I am sure that the financial need will not be an insuperable problem from any viewpoint. The important question is, what training will fit ~~one~~ ^{you} for most effective service?

I was much interested in your presentation of certain Lutheran viewpoints, although I was rather sorry to see quite so much stress laid on ~~the~~ differences between Lutheranism and Calvinism. While I personally believe that the Calvinistic viewpoint is right on the matters at issue, it is my opinion that ~~the matters~~ ^{salvation through} are far less important than whether one is standing for the Lord Jesus Christ and acceptance of

the Word of God as entirely true and reliable. ~~The great need is for the widest possible presentation of salvation by faith alone.~~ ^{the great need is for the widest possible presentation of salvation by faith alone.} ~~The great~~ ^{the great}

doctrines of the Scripture on which Luther and Calvin agreed are of transcendent importance. Personally I am sorry to see great stress laid on the points on which they differed. While I think that you would receive a training here that would be more adapted to your needs than at any Lutheran seminary I know of I feel that this difference is not