

You cannot write a statement of as much as three hundred words that you could get five intelligent people to agree to every word. You can't do it. When I was teaching at another seminary, before I was here, a certain body had an impression that what this faculty holds is the Reformed Faith. And I know students who used to listen to what was said in each class and get exactly what ~~they believed~~ to believe, ~~because~~ because this was the exact ~~the~~ Reformed Faith. You must hold exactly to what any professor taught. The impression of the students was that we eight professors held exactly the same points of view on everything. We used to have questions asked for an answer by the faculty, and in our faculty meetings we would discuss how to answer this and we would have eight different views. We were agreed on the great points, ~~and~~ of the Reformed Faith, ~~even as~~ even as our faculty here is agreed on the great points. But when you come to any particular one, and when you get to the exact ~~statement~~ statement, or when you get to the details of it, if you have intelligent human beings you will have a certain amount of difference. So the historic attitude of the pres. system is that you agree to the essential system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession. We don't say ~~that~~ you have to hold to every word of the ~~the~~ Confession. You get into problems of ~~interpretation~~ interpretation, problems of what.....(10) that sort of a creed is meaningless. There are groups who try to do that, but it is meaningless.

I know a great seminary, I won't mention it by name, but I know of a ~~very~~ very fine seminary where every member of the faculty has had to subscribe for many many years to a long statement which has got about ~~thirty~~ thirty sections in it, and nobody is supposed to get a degree from the seminary unless he subscribes to it. I was visiting a friend who ~~is~~ is a member of the board of directors, please don't anybody guess what seminary this is because I won't tell. (laughter) But, I have a friend who is ~~the~~ a member of the board of directors of it, and he told me that he had a letter from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> president, and ~~found that~~ founder of the ~~seminary~~ seminary, who said, we have been accused of certain things, and we are going to clarify our doctrinal statement. ~~and~~