

Oh, he said, You're a bonifide school, no question of it. He said, You will be put in the next book. I said, How about telling the chaplains department that we will be in it. He said, I'll give you a statement to that effect; you're the same as in it now, he said. That's all that's necessary.

I saw the head chaplain of the army and the head chaplain of the navy, and they both agreed. He had then a great many of our graduates who were in the chaplaincy. But that book at that time all they required was proof-- do you -- that you were a bonifide school and had some property, and were not just a degree mill. Then after a few years I received a letter which said that in order to continue to be in the book you would either have to be accredited by a professional accrediting agency, or by a regional accrediting agency, or else you must have letters from 3 such institutions who recognized your work.

I wrote to three graduates(or friends, I forget which) who were connected with various schools and they gladly gave me letters saying ~~how~~ how much they appreciated our work and had no problem. Then they changed it to where you had to have your students received at other schools. They had to certify they received your students and gave them full credit for what they had taken.

Well, we never gave anyone full credit for what they had when they came to us. Anybody who came from any other school we considered as under probation the first semester, and how much credit we would give them for work in other schools depended on our finding out what kind of work they could do. So how could we ask other schools to give free credit --full credit for ours?

We weren't the only ones that made that complain! Because they changed it to a statement that your work was received as if from an accredited institution. I got a statement to that effect, for instance, from a former Hebrew student of mine who was connected with the Goshen Mennonite College in Goshen, Ind. I got a letter from a man teaching at Brandeise University in which he was kind enough to say he had students from Princeton, Harvard and Yale in his classes and that the best prepared in his courses were the men who came from Faith Seminary.

We got letters like that every three years. Every three years it got to where ~~we~~ we had to get a set of letters. Then they decided they must make it still more strict, so they made it that you must either be accredited by one such organization or you must give them the names of students from your school who have been accepted at schools who have been thus accredited in the last three years. You must have 3 students at each school!

That makes it pretty difficult for a new school of any kind. I said, we ought to persuade our best students to leave and go to some other school and make a reputation for us! Which of course is silly!