

But some will receive a dozen times the value from their courses than others would. Examine yourself. What am I getting from this course that helps me grow closer to God? That helps me serve Him more effectively? That enables me to accomplish for Him? I remember years ago there was a student who we suggested he work in a Sunday School. We made a plan for him and wanted him to do that and thought it would be valuable in his training. He said, Oh I'm going to be a scholar. I'm interested in all these great theological problems. I'm not interested in teaching Sunday School." We could not persuade him to do it. Then he graduated from the seminary and a year and a half later we got a letter from him. He was up in Canada trying to establish a mission church.

He wrote and said, I have a suggestion about the seminary work. You ought to teach people how to organize and develop and handle a Sunday School. That's something your graduates need!" Well, we knew more than he did about what he needed. But he was thinking of the courses, thinking of the immediate situation and not thinking of how he could serve Christ more effectively.

Let me tell you something. You do not know now what you will be doing 20 years from now. Some who are very enthused about foreign mission work are going to be pastoring a local church somewhere in the U.S.A. Some who are thinking always of themselves as being a pastor somewhere are going to be very effective foreign missionaries. Some of you who think you are going to be pastors are going to end up as engineers! or as teachers, or in some other thing that people may not call full-time Christian service.

Yet we have had graduates in these years, we have had graduates who have done more to serve the Lord than most pastors do who have earned their livelihood through some secular occupation but who have spoken in missions and taught S. S. classes and faithfully helped their pastors of churches which they have attended and have perhaps accomplished more for Christ than many who are in the pastorate.

None of us can know the future and we do not know what God's will is for us as things develop in the future. And the very thing we think now is perhaps not important to us may be the thing that we will particularly need and we have planned the seminary course with much experience and much contact with Christian ~~workers~~ workers and we have planned it in order to give you what we think will be important in your service for Christ. And if you will take our word for it now and endeavor to get the best you can out of each course and each opportunity, in the seminary, you will be so glad in future days that you have done so.

Many years ago there was a very fine Chinese man who had been a great Christian worker in China, who came to the seminary of which I was then president in order to take the theological course. He did good work in all his classes. He was a very fine man and we became very good friends of his. I said to him one day: "You know I think you should ~~working~~ spend some time working on your English pronunciation." I said, "What you say in English is quite under-