

State(?) committees and state committees of investigation. Dr. Peterson referred to the need of more degrees in our faculty. If I understand him correctly he said that the tendency was to lay tremendous stress on the possession of a doctoral degree and not to pay much attention to where it came from. He seemed to feel that at in our present situation the most important thing ~~for~~ was for our faculty members to get earned doctoral degrees as quickly as possible, regardless of the field or area that they might cover or of the source from which they came. might come.

I am sure that he did not by this mean to make any suggestions of having anything to do with degree mills. For one of our faculty to ~~buy~~ buy a degree from a degree mill ~~would~~ would cast a shadow on the institution that I fear would be very harmful. It is a fact, however, that degrees in education are generally considered as far easier to get than degrees in other fields, and that some institutions give doctoral degrees far more easily than others.

Personally I hate to think of anyone spending a great deal of time working toward a degree in material that would not be of eventual usefulness to him. In fact, even though the studies in Babylonian that I did have a definite reference to the OT^o, I cannot help feeling that the amount of study that I put on cuneiform work would have I wish that a substantial portion of this could have been put on more directly Biblical study. studies.(?) There is I did (nc) a great deal of work on material that does not have direct relation to my work in the seminary. I do not regret any of this but I regret that the ~~same~~ same time and energy could not have been spent on something that I would now ~~consider~~ consider more directly useful to my research and to my areas of present interest.

Unfortunately I do there are very few places where one can get a doctor's degree in directly Biblical study under believing scholars, and