

Lord aside from that which we have in our actual classes.

Then, of course, there are the student prayer meetings and the meetings which are more or less voluntary, and we don't ~~try~~ try to compel attendance at them but we ~~feel sure~~ ^{do hope} that you will ^{take} upon yourself to make this a definite objective, not just to get certain credits, but to stand before the Lord and to develop yourself in your consecration and in your knowledge of Him by taking advantage of everyone of these opportunities. At special hours we require attendance; we expect you to be present at every one of them, because we think they are just as important ~~as~~ a part of the life of the Seminary as are the classes. Now we think the same things about these other things but we do not try to bring any compulsion upon them. We hope that each of you will feel that it is vital to take the time and give attention to them.

Now there is one point there that I think ought to be just mentioned very briefly which I touched upon yesterday. Education in America is too much a thing that if you put a nickel in the slot, out comes a ticket. You go to a certain number of classes a certain number of time, you write an exam, and you've got credits. You can forget what you did in class; you sponge something up; drop it out in an exam; and it's gone. Well, we are sorry we have to have examinations; we have to have a mark; we have to have a degree, and all these to keep track of how we are moving forward. But it is possible for a person to move forward in the procession and not get much no matter how close we watch. We try to keep you from doing that. But the fact of the matter is that it is not a matter of education that we are going to pour into you. It's an opportunity for you to get an education; and if you are anxious to learn all you can of the work; if you are anxious to grow in grace all you can; to put the Lord first at every point; we are laying before you opportunities, and that's what an education is, and particularly in an institution like this. If you are trying to get by and to get your credits and