

certain amount of material. It is to prepare ~~xxx~~ yourself for utmost service to the Lord. Therefore it is vital to keep thinking how this will fit into (nc-) my preparation, how can I use it best for the Lord's service? As we look beyond graduation it is good to think ahead so that one does not find himself in a situation where he has to make rapid decisions and often decisions which do not rest upon a proper background.

A century ago, if one desired to become a minister, it was far simpler than it is today. At that time ~~if~~ there were half a dozen strong denominations in the US\*, each of them holding solidly to the great teachings of the Word of God. Believing ~~in~~ the necessity of salvation through Christ, and the importance of the inerrancy of His Word. On secondary points there were ~~distinctive~~ distinctive attitudes held by various denominations, but ~~there~~ those who believed in the great ~~maxims~~ doctrines of that are vital to one's entrance into eternal life were solidly ~~in~~ control in each of them.

A ~~★ ★~~ ★ young man finishing seminary had only to appear before the appropriate group in the particular denomination to which he belonged and he would be given an examination to be sure that he was straight and true on the great Scriptural teachings and also that he was in line with the attitude of the denomination on controversial points. Then he would be ordained and ~~given~~ immediately would be sent to one or more churches to candidate. Usually the church would have had an old minister churches which he would would have had an old minister who had been there for many years. The people loved the man but were rather tired of hearing the same voice. It was about If he had recently died or been invlaided, or was about to retire. Hearing the voice of ~~xx~~ a young man who really wanted to serve the Lord gave the ~~xxxxx~~ people a thrill. They were easily pleased. The church usually had a nice manse parsonage and paid not a luxurious salary but ~~mixing~~ a living salary, and the man had a position of considerable prestige among his people. Under these circumstances many young