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About the M. A.

Personally I would under ordinary circumstances not have favored the giving of an M. A. It will do some good in giving a certain amount of training to lay Christians who desire do not desire full ministerial training but would like a little work that will be helpful to them. ON the other hand the giving of another master's degree lowers the importance of our S.T.M. and in fact, this of course, has already been done to a large extent by having the ~~MxxDxxMx~~ M.Div. and I wish there was were some other way, something we could do offset that, because I believe that the work for our S.T.M. would be of more value than graduate work in almost place that I know of, but since if the degree does not carry much prestige that is of course a hindrance, except in the case of really dedicated students to their proceeding with this which I think would do them more good than any other training they could ~~g~~ get.

The M. A. if it ~~xxxxxxx~~ attracts people desiring a certain amount of knowledge of the Word but not a full ministerial training, has a real value. If it results in many who would work for the ~~MxxDxxMx~~ M.Div. being satisfied with it, this is unfortunate. Yet here we do not have a great deal of choice because ~~xx~~ most other institutions now seem to be giving an M.A., like this, and we really have to be competitive. If It would seem to me that then it is very important that we see to it that the best possible training be given for the M.A. I would feel it is important to emphasize the spiritual ~~context~~ content of courses ~~if~~ offered for the ~~MxxA~~ M.A. and the I would wish that perhaps more chapel services could be required of M.A. students than of ~~MxxDxxMx~~ M.Div. since it is ;important to get the seme spiritual training and there is less time in which to do it. This is merely an offhand idea but I think it is important.

The I would wish that students getting the ~~ixxA~~ M.A. could be encouraged to go on and get the M.Div. afterwards, and would like to think we should work in that direction.

If students are only to get the M.A. going to get only the M.A. I personally feel that it is extremely vital they get a good foundation in the NT°