

November 5, 1910.

Chapel Services.

Song: first and fourth stanzas of Am I A
Soldier of the Cross, on page 35.

A few verses of the 14th chap. of the Acts.

The first and third stanzas of Rock of Ages,
on page ninety-three.

Mr. J. A. Bivins of the Department of Education
Raleigh, will talk to us to night on What North Carolina
Expects of Her Teachers. This address will be at 8 o'clock.
If for any reason the hour is changed to an earlier hour,
I will see that ten minutes before that, the bells are rung,
but it will be at 8 O'clock unless further notice is given.
I hope Mr. Bivins will spend the day with us to-day that he
may see what North Carolina is doing to prepare her pros-
pective teachers, some of them. If he is here, I will say
about him as I have said about all others, don't pay any
attention to him. If he comes to your class room, just go
on with your work as though he were not there. Pay no
attention to him whatever.

There will be service in the Baptist church I am
informed, to-morrow, but I have not been informed as to who
the minister is, but there will be services to-morrow, and
in the other churches that have regular pastors, that is the
Methodist and Christian churches. There will also be the

regular Y. W. C. A. services to-morrow evening at 7:30.

I am also requested to say to all those who wish to play basket ball, to assemble in this hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The general attitude toward the study hall has been much better, however, there is some confusion and disorder now. That is, some of the students in the dormitory are putting their books in this study hall and using that as an excuse for getting in there. There is no excuse for going in there. You have a room near enough to go to and from, where you can leave your books, if you are not able to carry your books from class to class. Some people are feeble and can not carry their books, but if they are lacking in physical strength, they must use their room and not the study hall for a place to leave their books.

I am going to talk to you this morning again, because I may not be with you, all of next week, and there is something I want to say to you. I have put as the title to my talk, the Passers-by. I don't know but what I will change it up a little and call it Mind Your Own Business. As you wander along the path of life you will find many a thing out of joint- many an act on the part of your neighbor that you will not understand. If you were placed in the same environment you would in all probability do the same peculiar thing, therefore, you ought to be more or

less lenient toward those people.

In each school district many things will happen, many people will do many things that will seem to you entirely wrong, but you are not going to be able to run thos whole world. What is to be your attitude toward those matters? To help your community you must be interested in all community matters, but everything done by every citizen in the neighborhood is not of necessity a community matter. Do you see the difference? I want to repeat this statement. I say everything done by every citizen in the neighborhood is not of necessity a community matter. The successful teacher must know how to distinguish between the private business and public concern. You should stand as living examples of people who mind their own business and let their neighbor's business alone. One of the very best examples to set to any given community in North Carolina, is to attend to your own business and it is expected of you. Let private affairs of other people alone. Unless John and Mary are your students it is none of your business whether John is going to see Mary or not. How often we hear people making remarks about such things. Suppose John is going to see Mary it is none of your business, unless you happen to be Mary, and from John's standpoint, let me assure you it is trying enough on his part without your interference. Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So treat their

children. They treat them this way or that,- are too strict or too lenient with them. That is nothing to you and what is done with their children in the home is their business not yours. Your duty concerns the children and the home only as the school is effected, but you may say the way the family is treated by the parents is wrong. Did you ever hear people say that? I would like to ask who made you a judge of my private affairs. You attend to your own business and let mine alone is what will be said to you and the treatment is just. There is one time when you can deal with private matters and only one time- when you are consulted by the party concerned. Don't dabble into private affairs. If there is anything that is disgusting to right minded people, it is this dabbling into private affairs. I see this perhaps more vividly than most men for all of my married life has been spent as a semi-public man- a man about whom others talk, and I don't believe I am alone in that. Until I came here to Greenville I have never had a home that people did not stop and look into the front door or peep into the back windows whenever the shades were up. Well, they did not get very much, but what they did get they ^{stated} ~~stated~~

Now, just as that applies to my own life, just so it applies to the private life of every citizen. Other people want their home life the same way, and as teachers we must set such examples.

Up in Guilford county there lived an old man named Lowry who always said to the inquisitive or gossip mungger, I can make \$35.00 a month attending to my own business, and teverybody in that community respected Mr. Lowry and the gossip mungger did not go to. You see he attended to his own business. If he could make \$35.00 attending to his own business, you can do the same, and set an example that is well worth following.

I wanted to give you this talk this morning, for I know the nature of your future work necessitates a clear idea and a ^{strong} drawn distinction between private business- which is none of your business- and community activities. Draw the line and stay on your side. Work all the time at your own business, letting your neighbor's business alone, and success will crown your efforts. and if you attend to your own business you wont have time to attend to that of your neighbor. I want you to get this into your minds, because as I said before, we people in North Carolina and every where else I have ever lived, need to understand that there are many things which do not belong to the general public, and I want every one who goes out from this institution to be a living example of young men and young women who know the difference between community activities and private business.

I wonder how many of us after hearing the talk I made to you yesterday morning, attended to their own

business and how many talked about our neighbor? I wonder how many talked about others in the school. Attend to your own business, and do not talk about the largest puffs this girl wears or the loudest tie that boy wears. Draw the line and stay on your side and success will crown your efforts.