

Chapel -- Monday Morning, October 19

Robert H. Wright,

I read in your hearing this morning a passage of scripture that I would like to talk to you about. There was a certain teacher, a prominent man among the Jews. He was just as busy as he could be. He became interested in the things that he had seen and heard, so after work hours one day, and after Jesus was through with his day's work, he went around to see him at night, and that is all right. Some folks say he did it then because he did not want to be seen by other people. I do not think that was so. I think he came then so that he could be alone with him in the quiet of the day. Jesus told him he must be born from above, born of the spirit and Nicodemus did not understand what he was talking about. Jesus went on to explain it to him and Nicodemus said, "how can these things be?" He did not grasp the significance of the spirit life at all and Jesus asked him, "Are you a teacher of the Jews and you don't know these things? If I tell you of earthly things and you don't understand them, how can I make you understand the things of the spirit? No one has gone into heaven except those who come from there. I am the Son of Man and I am in heaven here!" And Nicodemus was absolutely bewildered. He did not understand it at all, just as many of us do not understand that ~~xxx~~ spiritual things ~~if~~ are of the spirit and not of the body. We are having a terrible time about that. We are a great deal more concerned about whence this physical body came, and how it was created than we are about our spirit life. O, I hope we are not.

Those who do the right thing are not afraid of the light, they come to it, but those who do wrong are afraid to come to the light. Now, young women, we see that every day in our every day life. We see people around us everywhere we go who are doing things they are ashamed ~~xxx~~ for others to see. I wouldn't be surprised if you don't hear girls say "Look out, Mr. Wright will see you". You are not afraid of Mr. Wright. You are afraid of what you are doing. You



know it isn't quite right. That is where the trouble lies. It is deep down in your own soul. When you have done the thing that you ought ~~not to do~~ ~~to do~~ to do, and have not done the thing that you ought not to do, it does not make any difference who sees it or who hears about it. You are perfectly willing to face the world because you don't care if your deed is brought to the light because there is nothing in the deed that you object to having the light on.

When I was living in Baltimore, I got a splendid lesson from the street lighting department along this line. I noticed a little clipping in the papers that called attention to the fact that whenever the policemen would report that there were crimes being committed in certain parts of town, the street lighting company would go to that place and they would place an arc light over that place so as to shed all the light possible over the community, and it eliminated the crime, because people who are doing a thing that is wrong want to do it in the dark, and the street lighting department of Baltimore found it out, and they broke up many of the places of vice by just turning the light on the crime.

The girl who goes around with a little insinuation about some other girl -- "Don't you tell this, but I saw", and then she starts with a tale. If the light could be turned on her, she would never do that. If the light of God's Truth was in her heart she would not do that way. If it is something that ought not to be told, then it must be wrong, and there are other people who will gladly take that and say -- "I got this, but I promised not to tell but you watch out for so and so." I bet it is going on in this college. I don't know whether it is or not, but it is going on all over the world. They are the people who like to work in darkness because their deeds are wrong. The dog that will bring a bone will carry one, or the dog that will carry a bone will bring one, and if you talk to that kind of person they will go right off and talk about you. They are working in the dark and they do more harm in this world very often than the person who does something wrong, but does it openly. Those folks who work that way are the hardest folks on earth to control or to dodge. I am talking to



you young women about that now because those people are everywhere and I want you to get their ear marks of some of them and then when she begins to whisper something in your ear, look her straight in the face and say -"get thee behind me, Satan. I don't want to hear what you have to say. I don't want to hear anything that has something in it to hurt some one else or to drag some one else down. I don't believe i t. "Love heareth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things." True love will not work in the way that I have just described because true love, the love that is spoken of in that beautiful 13th chapter of Corinthians and called charity, that kind of love helps people. It never goes around talking about some mysterious thing. It never says don't you know Miss So and So did so and so, I do not know it but I believe it. If you have the right kind of feeling toward your fellow student and you believe that fellow student is doing something wrong, you will go to that person and you will tell her ~~saxandx~~ you have heard so and so, and if it is wrong I want to help get it straight, and what a help it would be to that girl is she has started wrong. How much more she would love you, how much more she would think of you. Let your deeds be such that you will be glad to bring them to the light because they are the right kind of deeds.