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The fire in Greenville that destroyed the grammar school is going to interfere some with the work unless we can make some arrangements, and we are going to make the arrangements to help the town to avoid that if it is possible. We are working on that now. Mr. ^{Rose} Rhodes is working very earnestly. I have just had a conference with him and Miss Goggin. They want to see the management of the paper and they may want to see the Y. W. C. A. cabinet or the officers ^{who} ~~that~~ have charge of the Y. W. C. A. work with reference to the rooms which are being used by the Y. W. C. A. and by the paper in this building. Help them out in every way that you can because that is the right kind of thing to do. We must learn that sometimes it is best to put ourselves to inconvenience if it is for the benefit of others. They will probably want to see these people today. In fact, I have told them to see you today if they are going to see you at all because I hardly think they want to go around to your homes all about over the state to see you, not that they would not enjoy the visits, but they are busy people.

I have the pleasure of making an announcement to you that I guess you know already; I am going to let you go home for Easter holidays. I am glad to let you go home for Easter holidays because you have finished the election,- you have had an election,- you have been voting it for I do not know how many days, but for some time. The result of the ballot that was taken yesterday is that Miss Annie ~~Bark~~ ^{Association} has been elected as President of the Student Government. As I have already said to you, so far as the management of the school ^{is} ~~was~~ concerned it ^{does} ~~did~~ not make any difference which was elected. Now, as good citizens in a democracy you who supported faithfully your candidate should support faithfully the one who was elected. That is the spirit of democracy, and I want you to have that spirit.

I realize this morning that this studentbody is in just about the same condition that ^{the decorations of} this hall ~~are in~~. ^{is} You are part here and part gone. That is about the way you are,- part here and part gone. This is the first time, young women, that we have had on our official program and have known throughout the year that you were going to have an Easter holiday. It is not the first time that you

have had Easter holidays. I have given them several times unexpectedly. We have worked it out and put it on our program. We are giving you from noon today until 8:30 Wednesday morning; that is, you are to be here for work the first period on next Wednesday. The thing I want you to do is to fulfill your part of the contract. Go home and have a good Easter vacation. Just as I said to you at Christmas I say to you this morning:- Do not carry your books with you. Leave them here and take the vacation as an Easter vacation should be taken. Let it be a real genuine Easter vacation. Take care of yourselves and do not bring back any souvenirs like you did Christmas. Have a good time; have all of those Spring dresses made while you are at home. Do not come up later and say, "I am bound to go home and have a dress made!" I know that you have to have dresses and I know that somebody has to make them; I know that. I know also that it is not nearly as much trouble to make them now as it used to be, and it does not take anything like the amount of cloth it used to take. I have seen the change; in fact, it is perfectly manifest.

Although I have spoken to you in a more or less humorous way, I think it is the proper thing for you to do. I think it is the proper thing for anyone to do to try to fix ones self up to look^{nice}, but try to attend to these things now so that they will not pull you away from your work when you come back because it is not long until Commencement, and if Easter is going to keep you from having a good report at Commencement, then the good things of Easter vacation become bad things for you. Do not let it do that. This is the point I want you to get: Go home and have a good time and attend to the new clothes. It is the right time because Nature is putting on new garments. I do not want you to be like Nature, however, as Nature is terribly green. But attend to the Spring dresses while you are at home and then come back and attend to your work so that when you get your reports you will not be sorry about what you did not do. The reports for the winter were better than the reports for the fall term, and that was very encouraging. I want the spring term to be the very best one. I want you to make your "home run" this spring, and I do not want you to have to be put out at the home plate.