

CHAPEL, April 21, 1927.

We have in this building a group of the town children, as you already know, and it is the desire of the town people that these children shall not interfere in the least with our work, and I am sure it is your desire not to interfere with theirs. These children are in the rooms in the basement of this side of the building. They are in four of these rooms including the Y. W. C. A. rest room. Now, in going and coming to your classes which you recite to Miss Rose come down this back stairway. You will not interfere at all. Try to do as little passing up and down the back corridor as possible. The town authorities are as nice about it as they can be and are anxious that these children should not interfere with our work. Let us meet them half way. Of course, you understand that this is only for the rest of this term. After that the town will have the old building replaced or a new building erected. We are simply trying to help them out while they are in this unfortunate position.

I hope that you young women had a most delightful Easter holiday. It is the first time we have had an Easter holiday on our schedule as a part of the regular program of the college. I am going to ask you something this morning just to get an expression of your opinion. I am wondering if you would rather have an Easter holiday or to have a holiday come at the end of the winter term. Those who want an Easter holiday I am going to ask presently to hold up your hands, and then I am going to ask those who prefer a holiday after the winter term to hold up your hands. If we should change the holiday from Easter to the end of the winter term it would mean that we would not have any Easter holiday. I mean that you would not go home for Good Friday and the Saturday following and you would not go home for Easter Monday. In other words, if we are going to take the holiday at the end of the winter term we are going to take it at the end of the winter term and have no Easter holiday at all. There are some things in favor of the end of the winter term holiday. It avoids breaking into a term's work. There are some things against it. One of them is that Easter is a real holiday occasion for people who are members of certain churches and to them it is the most sacred religious period of the year, and they feel, and they have a right to feel, that they ought not to do work at Easter. Now, there are the two points of it.

If we go on a term basis we will have to disregard the other. Now, those who had rather have the holiday after next year (because next year is fixed),- those who had rather have the holiday, who think it best to have the holiday at Easter hold up your hands. ----- Those who think it would be better to have the holiday at the end of the winter term hold up your hands. -----

You remind me of a certain story I heard about a man who went to church and went to sleep. (Some men do go to church and go to sleep.) This man went to a religious service and went to sleep. The minister made a proposition or two. Among others he made the proposition that all those who wanted to go to heaven should stand up. Nearly everybody stood up, and in getting up they awoke the man who was asleep. In his stupor he did not hear the propositions. Then the minister asked all those who wanted to go to hell to stand. Nobody stood except the man who had been asleep, and when he saw that only he and the minister were standing he said, "I don't know what me and you is votin' about, but seems like we are in a hopeless minority." Those who think we should have the holiday at the end of the winter term,"you and me is in a hopeless minority." Now, young women, if we are going to have our holiday at Easter I want you to take the holiday, but when the holiday is over I want you to come back. Do you know that there were over 100 in this college who missed a recitation yesterday? That is not quite right. You understand that this college did not fix this holiday and impose it upon you, but the college authorities, working with your representatives, fixed this holiday. In other words, we took you into our confidence on it, and we, you and I, or those who represent me, worked out this schedule. This is something that you, working with the college authorities, have worked out. Now, that being the case, there has fallen on you just as much responsibility for carrying it out as has fallen upon us. We jointly fixed the time; then we all ought to live up to it. I am terribly disappointed that there were 100 students who missed classes yesterday. Some of these were perhaps here, but we know that over 100 missed some recitation. There were 23 who missed the first recitation. Some of the students are not here yet. Some of them had deaths in their families. Of course, we are sorry for them. Some are sick and cannot be here. Those who are kept at

home on account of illness or death are excused, but the rest ought to have been here yesterday. You did not quite measure up. Now, next time let us measure up 100%. That is the way to do the thing, and you will feel better about it. "Well", you say, "but, Mr. Wright, we have the right to take a certain number of cuts and this is the time we want to take them." I do not think so, girls. I agree with you that you have a right to take a certain number of cuts, but when we fix an agreement that we will take a certain number of holidays and then have 100 girls break over it breaks down the morale, and that's that. It is better for you to come on back after this Easter holiday and take the cuts some other time. An army is successful when it has the right kind of morale in it. I am not going to explain morale to you; you know what it means. It was the spirit that dominated the army of Cromwell, that made Cromwell one of the great generals. He and his soldiers felt that they were doing God's will and had no thought except victory, and wherever they went and fought they could not be whipped. This is the reason this army stands out as one of the wonders of the world. It was the morale of the army.

We do not want anything to come into our college to break down the morale. The spirit of this institution is wonderful, and I am^{as}/proud of it as I can be, but next Easter when you go home for the holidays come back on time because we agreed on that. This is not only the right thing to do, but this is the real spirit of the democracy. When an agreement is jointly made by us it is our business to live up to it even though it may put us to some inconvenience. I am glad to see that you are back this morning nearly 100 percent. Let us do the best we can from now until commencement. You have my best wishes for happiness and success in the work of this last term.