

CHAPEL - April 28, 1927.

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I want to say just a word to you about the May Day. I am going to talk to the studentbody on Saturday unless something unforeseen happens. I have fixed Saturday as the day because I want the entire studentbody to be here. I want to talk to you about your attitude with reference to work when you leave the college, about some of the things I am hearing about our students,- our former students,- and what it means to cooperate with people; what it means to you, what it means to the folks you work with, and what it means to your college for you to have the right kind of spirit of cooperation. I want you to show that spirit, and I am going to tell you that this morning. I want you to show that spirit with reference to the May Day program. I do not know whether Miss Ogden is in the building or not. It makes no difference if she is. Miss Ogden has a hard job. Anyone who comes into college and takes up the last quarter of the work, especially when she has in that quarter some big festival, as is true in her case, that person has a most difficult job. She has made a wonderful start. It is going fine. I am wondering if you do not want to treat her just as you would want people to treat you if you were in that kind of a position. Now, that will mean, young women, for a number of you to stay here this week-end instead of going home. It is going to be a test of your spirit of cooperation.

I have not said a word to Miss Ogden and she has not said a word to me about this, and she does not have the slightest idea that I am going to talk to you about it this morning, but I do want you to show that spirit that has made this college what it is in the hearts of the people of North Carolina. I want you to make a special effort at this particular time to do it because it is a difficult task which Miss Ogden has, and yet she has worked it out in a wonderful way, and May Day is going to be a great occasion if you will do your part, and I know you are going to do that. I have that much faith in all of you. I firmly believe you are going to do it. You are being tested now; you are being tested in that higher way that shows the spirit that is back of it.

Now, make the sacrifice that is necessary and let us make this May

Day the greatest we have ever had. When Miss Alexander spoke to me about it some time ago and the question was raised as to whether or not the college should put any money into a thing of this kind I said, "Yes", we ought to do it and the college ought to put some money in it! I was asked how I could justify that position and my answer was that this is the kind of thing our students are going to have to participate in wherever they go over the state because all over North Carolina they are going to have May Day programs. This is training these folks for the kind of activities in which they are going to engage, and for that reason we ought to contribute to it, and the college is contributing to help make it a great success.

I think I have said all that it is necessary for me to say. Write home to him or her or it, or to your father or mother and say that you are going to wait and go homesome other time. You say, "O, but it is all fixed for me to go this week". Yes, I have had everything fixed to do things that I did not do, and I want you to do that this time, especially this year because I want you to show Miss Ogden that spirit of cooperation that has made this college what it is.