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This is good weather to take the Flu. They say that there is some good thing in every bad thing, but I cannot find anything good in the Flu. I said something to you the other day about staying out of the Infirmary and I want to emphasize that this morning and I am talking to you this morning, girls, simply because I want your help. We need it. If you have a fever and are running any kind of a temperature above normal, we want you to go to the Infirmary and see if you really have the Flu. Fever goes with Flu. The way we distinguish between an ordinary cold and Flu is by the aching and if you have a temperature from 100 to 103, that is Flu. If you have any of these symptoms we want you to go to the Infirmary, first, to take care of you and, second, to get you away from the other girls. Some of the girls have insisted on going over and speaking to the sick. Now I have asked Miss Morris to report to me those girls that persist in going and if you will not stay away from the Infirmary I am going to send you home. If you have not thought about it, I will send you home to think about it and you will stay there until all danger of an epidemic is over. I am asking and begging that you give me your hearty cooperation. Our Infirmary will not take care of very many folks and I do not want to close the college. I do not want any girls to develop the Flu who has not been exposed already. We want to isolate as far as possible every case in order to keep it from spreading thru the college. There is another reason why I do not want you to go to the Infirmary and visit the sick. One girl brought us a case of Chicken Pox. That is one of the things we do not appreciate girls bringing back. Now give us your cooperation in this for your good and for the

sake of the student body. If you have to cough and you do sometimes, if you have a cold, cough in your handkerchief, dont just broadcast the germs. I know there are some that are going to say, "That is all right but I will do as I please." I did not select this scripture this morning because of the application but that kind of a girl is like Cain. Cain slew his brother because Cain was wicked and his brother righteous. There are some girls who are saying, "That is all right I will do as I please." They are Cains. There are girls I expect in the college that say the student government is not what they want, that they watch them. You will know that girl is a Cain. I do not mean that she would actually kill somebody. The students have made the regulations themselves. The college is not imposing these things on you. If there is something that is radically wrong, take it up and discuss it and fix it. The student body will do the right thing. I am not worrying about that. It is just that one or two that reminds me of the boy that went to feed the hogs and his father asked if they were all there and the boy said, "I dont know because one was running about so I couldn't count him." Watch that one that is running about so you cant count him. Help that girl to fall in line with the organization. Take good care of yourselves, girls, and help us to make a good record for the sake of the student body.

I have five minutes more and I want to talk to you about something entirely different. It is worth something to realize that what we people are trying to do in America in an educational way, that our efforts to educate all the people, what might be called mass education, is spreading thruout the world. Turkey has put in an entirely new system. She has put in a new alphabet. She has gone to work to give to the people who live in that country an easier alphabet, one that can be mastered in a shorter time. It means the rewriting of all their text books. It means putting up different signs because the writing has changed. It means changing the sign over a picture house or a man's place of business.

Everybody in Turkey is studying it. It is an entirely new educational scheme for that whole country and probably is going to make Turkey a much more important nation in the world.

In the trenches during the World War there were some soldiers from China. They went back home because the people were required in the trenches to learn some things, they went back with the idea that everybody in China ought to be educated in a language that could be used. In China their written language is classical and to the average Chinese it is like Latin. These soldier boys that went back home were imbued with the ideal that there should be an everyday language for Chinese to read in. It is now becoming a nation-wide campaign. They have already trained five million people to read the language that they talk. In other words China is right now in the midst of abolishing their old classical schools and putting in a system for the people to use in their daily lives. That is a tremendous educational program for the largest country in the world when we count the number of people.

Many of those things have come about because of the World Federation of Education Associations. A movement that began several years ago with a determination to carry education to all the people of all the world that the world might become acquainted with itself and that we might have peace on earth. When people get acquainted with each other, there will be peace. I just wanted to tell you about these things that are going on. You will find something about Turkey in one of the recent issues of the World's Work, I believe it is, but you will not find anything about China except in the recent report of the World Federation of Education Associations.

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