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-- President Wright

Scripture reading Matthew 9, Verses 14-17

In reading the book of Matthew, and I am reading in this book now because you are having a study of Matthew in your Sunday School, if you are led to think that events happen in the order in which Matthew tells them you are mistaken. Matthew took certain things Jesus did and and told of them as if they followed each other. Certain miracles which Jesus performed were not performed one after the other as they are recorded. Matthew was trying to convince the Jews that this man Jesus was the long looked for Messiah.

In reading the Bible or any other piece of literature it is quite often necessary that we have a great deal of knowledge that is not contained in the piece of literature we are reading in order that we may thoroughly understand it. I was reading in a magazine this week an article that was rather interesting. The man said among other things that it was necessary for you to do this and that and the other in order to carry the message to Garcia. Now, if I hadn't know what "carrying the message to Garcia" meant I would not have known what this man meant, for there was no other reference made to it.

In reading this passage of scripture Matthew said you would not put new wine in old bottles. (Students were asked how many knew what kind of bottles were used for wine in those days, and very few knew). The bottles were made of leather and the leather stretched as the wine fermented. If the bottle was stretched to the limit the first time it was used and you put new wine in it again it would break.

You have heard the expression "Don't buy a pig in a poke". How many of you know what a poke is? (Most of the girls raised their

hands and President Wright remarked that he had more poke than bottle folks--that we didn't know so much about bottles since Volstead). This simply means do not buy a thing without seeing it. There are sections of North Carolina where ~~that~~ ^{poke} is a very familiar expression.

Time is worth something and it is necessary for you to get as much as possible out of what you are doing. When you come to a reference you do not understand go to the library and look it up so that you will be able to understand what you are reading. ***** * * * * *

(Pres. Wright was referring to the fact, in this last story that the students had entered Chapel very quietly the day before, but had not been so orderly today. Also, there had been a mass meeting two days previous, which he was assuming was responsible for their ordiliness).

I heard a story of two men who were driving along in a buggy in the good old days before we had automobiles--or even Fords. The man reached out and hit the horse with a switch--that's the way we "stepped on it" in those days--and the horse jogged along much faster for a few paces, and then dropped back into the old gait. This happened a number of times and the friend said to the driver "Your horse must have a tough hide." The driver answered "No, not a tough hide--just a short memory."

What about it girls? Not a tough hide--just a short memory?