

Chapel March 26, 1930

-- President Wright

Scripture reading: 12 verses from the 14th chapter of St. Matthew

I want to take this opportunity this morning to tell you something of the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association that was held in Raleigh last week. I want to tell you, also, that I am very, very proud of the number of complimentary things said about our former students who are now teaching in the state. I was delighted to see so many of them attending this meeting.

North Carolina has its teachers organized, as the North Carolina Education Association. Membership is two dollars a year, and you get for that a year's subscription to the North Carolina Teacher, which is one of the best educational journals printed anywhere in these United States. Our state is divided into districts, six of them, and the district meetings are held in the fall of each year. Greenville is in the northeast division. Our meeting last fall was in Elizabeth City; next fall it will be in Greenville. These meetings are held early in the fall with the idea of giving the teachers the benefit of these discussions early in the school year. At these district meetings professional subjects that concern the teachers are discussed. Then in the spring, at some central place, and usually at Raleigh, the Association holds its meeting where the policies of the association as a whole are worked out-- that is the idea of the meeting, at least. All over the state are local units. The college here is a unit. For ever so many units a delegate is elected and these delegates do the voting at the state-wide meeting. Any member at any time is welcome to any of these state meetings and any member whether a delegate or not is at liberty to discuss any sub-

ject before it comes up before the general meeting, but only the delegates have the right to vote. The idea is to work out at this state meeting the program the state will work on for the coming year.

There are always a number of departmental meetings, mathematics, English, etc.--a long list of them. On Friday evening various institutions in, and some outside, our state hold dinners. These alumni or alumnae meetings are always enjoyable occasions. Nothing like all the students present of any given college can attend any one, for they are so often eligible to more than one. For instance I was eligible to the Peabody, University, and our own college dinner. (Not being a good oil--Three-in-one--I was able to attend only our own alumnae dinner). There were a large number of teachers and former students there, but some had to be turned away because they hadn't made reservations. Remember that girls, if you are going next year, and notify the local organization that you are going to be there. We had a splendid meeting of our alumnae and they gave us a splendid dinner. We had a real good hour and a half together. It did my soul good to see the girls who had been here before greeting old friends and renewing acquaintance. The goodfellowship and enthusiasm shown made our dinner one of the best we have ever had. I was very proud, indeed, of our college and of the number of people from our college who were helping to carry on this meeting of our state. I sincerely hope that when you young women get out of school you will do as these other teachers have done and make yourselves active members of this organization, and take an active part in its work. This organization is to enable us to get the kind of information we need, and to get to the people the kind they need, and to do the right kind of work to help the childhood of the state.

Don't forget that we have a large number of guests this

evening. And girls, don't go up and say, "How d'y' do, you don't remember me, do you?" (And don't try that on me, either. I'll probably say, "No, I never did know your name. What is it now?") Tell them who you are, and that we are glad to have them. Let them feel that we are glad that they are here. You and I won't be at the next Centennial of this occasion. Make our guests feel that we are glad they are here with us.