

CHAPEL, May 1, 1931

-- President Wright

Scripture Reading:

I wonder if you have ever seen a person with a chip on his shoulder? I have. It's a most miserable thing to live with a person who has a chip on his shoulder. We all make mistakes. It is Christian to have the spirit of forgiveness. (I made one this morning. I "heard" the bell ring, and started chapel before it actually rang--or it rang twice in close succession.) We are constantly doing things like that; constantly making errors and it is the part of right-minded human citizenship to overlook such errors, and never a good plan to be super-sensitive.

I requested Miss Morton last week to take care of something that needed attention; something that should have been attended to by the Y. W.; she did exactly what I think I would have done had I been here--and some of the officers have a chip on their shoulder. They ought to have attended to it themselves. I'm not holding it against them; they are a fine bunch of young women. You are going to do the same kind of thing at times. I have been trying to get to the point where I wouldn't make these mistakes--yet only a few minutes ago I started chapel too soon and possibly some girl was marked late who wasn't really late. I wonder if we could get the right kind of spirit into the life of each human being? I doubt it. If so, this bunch of vacant seats wouldn't be here, in chapel. If people could learn the lessons of life that are necessary for one to follow, the world would be an entirely different place, but I doubt whether it would be best for us, because we come to higher things in life in part by the mistakes we make, by the blunders we make, by the things we must inhibit, by the restraints we must put on our lives.

We drive down the highway of life successfully not only by putting our

foot on the gas, but also by having brakes that will work successfully when we need them, and we have to keep testing our brakes. If the brakes don't work a human life may be wrecked. In other words, the brakes are just as important as the gas feed, and we need them all through life. There is a constant stream of temptations and if we yield we will pay the price; if we restrain ourselves we will get the reward.

I hope that this week when our visitors are here with you that our religious organization and student body will get out of this meeting something that will be almost invaluable to us. Remember that these young folks are our guests.