

CHAPEL, November 12, 1931

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: 22nd Chapter, Book of Acts, Verses 1-22 $\frac{1}{2}$

I was at Chapel Hill yesterday at the inauguration of President Frank Graham, and there were approximately 6,000 people present. This is one of the truly great educational events in the history of our state for this year and it marks the official beginning of a new administration of government in our University. It was a splendid sight to see that wonderful group of people, especially as the exercises were held out in the stadium. The new president is hardly large enough to make a quarter-back, but he made a masterful speech.

Tomorrow at 2:30 is the beginning of the two-day session of the North Carolina Education Association's meeting here. The meetings will be held in the other auditorium, but I hope you will get a chance to speak to your friends who are here for this meeting.

About the most difficult mob to hold down in this world is a religious mob. I am not sure that people are not more fanatical when they lose their heads about religion than any other thing. You have been reading something about the trouble the British Empire is having keeping India quiet and the almost impossible thing Ghandi has been asking of the English Government--freedom for India. One of the fundamental troubles in India today is that they can't get together in their religion. That runs all through this world, and its influence is shown in many things that have been done in the past. Here was a Jew who was a Pharisee. We have read today the events that lead to his conversion to Christianity. His fellow Jews felt that any man who was Jewish and had no more the spirit of the Jewish religion than to go out and carry Christianity to the Gentiles was not fit to live. Paul had felt the same way himself and had been instrumental in causing the death of a number of disciples of Jesus.

Every person is religious, but we want to get that type of religion that is so filling and satisfying that we will want the rest of the people to have it, too. I can remember when there was a bitter denominational fight in North Carolina. Christianity has supplanted it--but it is still here in some of the <sup>people</sup> pulpits.