

CHAPEL - NOVEMBER 25, 1931

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson; 23rd Chapter Acts, Verses 12-24

I think the service you had yesterday was a beautiful service and I am certainly glad to see the Y. W. C. A. work out such a splendid Thanksgiving service. I also want to congratulate the student body and marshals and thank you for the splendid way in which the service was conducted Sunday. A number of Methodists have spoken to me in the highest terms of the part the marshals played in the service.

Today at 12:30 and until Monday at 8:15 we have our first Thanksgiving holiday that allows the students to go off the campus. I suppose you students understand that these holidays, in fact our annual schedule, is made in conference by student representatives and representatives of the faculty and their findings are submitted to me for approval. That means that it is a joint proposition--with the students and the college. We are trying to run this college for your benefit and I appreciate your splendid cooperation. I do not know whether we will continue to have Thanksgiving holidays or not. I hope there isn't anything in this college that has become such a tradition that we can't change it. Whether we continue this holiday or not depends in a large measure on you. If you can't get back by 8:15 I advise you not to go. You are due here at 8:15 Monday morning and do not be as the people in the Bible of whom it was said "they all began with one accord to make excuses". I think the best excuse any one of these had was "he had married himself a wife". I hope the few of you who might do that won't--at least not over the holidays.

One other thing, by way of caution; Don't go where there is any contagious or infectious disease. If there is scarlet fever, measles, or any other contagious disease in your home you had better not go. If you do, don't come back until you can bring a doctor's certificate saying there is no danger

of your spreading the disease. This is a community and no student, as a good citizen, will come back and expose other students. The way we live here makes it almost impossible for a contagious disease not to spread if brought here. Don't forget that. If you do become exposed to scarlet fever, and I say scarlet fever because there is lot of scarlet fever all over North Carolina right now, or any other communicable disease don't come back until you can bring a doctor's certificate saying there in no danger of your bringing the disease into the college. A great many people in the good old days felt that they must go and "set up" with a person who had a disease of this kind, and the result was that they spread it until it simply burned itself out in a community. That is not the charitable thing to do for the sick, and is a dangerous thing to do for the well. You owe it to human society not to expose yourself to a disease of this kind.

Take care of yourselves and come back in good physical condition-- ready to go home Christmas. I hope that each one of you has a turkey dinner. Those who stay here will have.