

CHAPEL, APRIL 12, 1932

--President Wright

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Scripture reading : Fourth Chapter of Genesis, verses 2-10

I read in your hearing this morning a most interesting story from the book of Genesis. There were two brothers; one was a tiller of the soil and one was a keeper of flocks, and they offered to Jehovah sacrifices. The sacrifice of Cain was rejected and that of Abel was accepted, and Cain was very angry. God told Cain that if he offered a sacrifice that was not accepted it was because Cain had sinned, and that Cain should be the master of sin instead of letting it dominate him, and then Cain took his spleen out on his brother and killed him. That incident shows the evil effects of yielding to sin. It goes back to Adam and Eve; when they first broke the command of God they began making excuses. Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. When people do wrong they almost invariably put the blame on some else. I understand that <sup>this</sup> ~~that~~ is a true story of <sup>A</sup> the child who stumped his toe on the rug and fell, ~~then~~ got up and ran across the room and hit his sister. Grown people do the same thing. They look about for someone to blame.

We have this record of Cain's Killing his brother. When God spoke to him about it we find him saying "I know not". When people go wrong they blame others and when put to the test they almost always lie. Then comes a most important thing in this lesson. God said to Cain "Your brother's blood cries to me from the ground." Cain said "Am I my brother's keeper?" From that first family scene crying down through the ages comes that question "Am I my brother's keeper?" I want to say to you that you are. I am. In a large measure we are responsible for other people. There is but one sure way to live through it. Do not sin. Live a clean life. These temptations to <sup>do</sup> the thing that isn't quite right are constantly coming to us.

Perhaps it is taking up attendance in chapel--or something else. <sup>She</sup> ~~Some one~~ finds  
a seat vacant--and later someone says to her in the hall "Mark me present"-----  
*To mark the absentee parent is to do her a grave injustice*  
-----I simply mention this because it is something we have with us all the time.

There is but one true way to live. That is to do the right thing every time.  
If your offering is not acceptable to Jehovah it is because sin is somewhere in  
your heart. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

We are living in this great state of North Carolina and are proud of  
our state. Are the people of North Carolina the keepers of the children of  
the state? They are. It is their duty to see that every individual <sup>is</sup> given the  
best opportunity possible to become a good citizen. We are the keepers of the  
young folks of today. You who are preparing to teach the children of North  
Carolina have a terrible responsibility. If you think for one minute that you  
can do the questionable thing and it won't hurt the children you are simply  
deceiving yourselves, and the child will know it. Something, somehow, carries  
it to him and he will know that you do not ring true. "Am I my brother's keeper?"  
So live that the blood of your brother will not cry to high Heaven against you.  
It is a terrible responsibility to live in human society. There is but one way  
to live, young folks, and that is by being master of sin and living a clean life.