

CHAPEL, January 4, 1933

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Fifth Chapter Matthews, Verses 13-15

I am delighted to see so many of you able to get back to college, able financially and physically. Our enrollment this morning is 836. We have lost some, I am sorry to say. You are fortunate to be able to get back. The state has been undergoing an epidemic of influenza, but it seems to be letting up a bit. I do not know how many students are absent on account of illness, or how many are absent on account of finances.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." Jesus was talking to his Disciples, and what He said is applicable to all those who follow Him from that day to this. But if the salt has lost its savor, then it is of no value. "Ye are the light of the world". I firmly believe that the salt of the earth and light of the world in a large measure is today in the hands of the young men and young women who are attending college and those who have just recently completed their college career. I firmly believe that, young folks. We are undergoing a period in history such as we have no record of at any previous time. I do not know how many of you have thought about technocracy or what it will do for us. If you do not know what it is I am talking about read the papers and magazines and find what it is. The people who are studying this machine age say that if all human beings would work four hours per day four days per week they would produce the necessary things to live with. If that is true, it means the machine age in which we are living is the greatest productive age the human family has ever known, and unquestionably it is. If we are coming into a period when the human family must work four hours a day for four days a week, only, then only those who are educated, those with almost superior intelligence are going to carry on the civilization of tomorrow. The emphasis comes back as never before upon educated people. If the position taken by these people, authorities on technocracy, is correct, then the world

will have to take care of a largenumber of its population. There will not be employment for all. There will be few ^{of} opportunities for many to earn an honest living. Personally, I do not believe it is going to reach the point ~~taken~~ibed by this group of thinkers, but there is some truth ⁱⁿ it. Then, one of the great problems before us in the very near future is how to spend our leisure time. That is becoming one of the greatest problems in public education today, training people to use their leisure time in the right way. But I am not going to talk about that this morning.

We have reached another mile stone as the calendar measures time. We have left 1932 behind us, and are beginning 1933. I saw a cartoon a few days ago, and old man, 1932, was disappearing and a little man, 1933, was taking his place at the wheel, and underneath was written, "Step on"it." Step on the gas, young folks, and let come what may don't get into the slough of despond the world seems to be in today. Be ready to meet what comes to you. Today and tomorrow and the next tomorrow are ours to make of them the most we can. It is ours to show the world that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth; for us to get ready to take hold of the government, state and national and straighten this world out of the crooked mess the older generation has placed it in, and bring about the dawning of a more glorious day. Do your part.