

CHAPEL, February 9, 1933

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Third Chapter Mark, Verses 22 through the chapter

Following our morning lesson we have for our daily use some very useful information. These scribes came down from Jerusalem --we would say came up because they went north--to see if they couldn't find some excuse for bringing Jesus before the Tribunal, and accused Him of being the the chief devil, or Beelzebub, and Jesus told them that a kingdom divided against itself would fall. That brings to us a wonderful lesson, the importance of working together in the right kind of cause.

There has been in the college recently some division on a matter that was brought before the student body, and that was the question of putting a fence around the athlectic field and building seats for the people who attend the games. I have been told that the action of the student body in this case is keeping the student body from doing anything for the loan fund. I do not know who the the devil is, but there is a devil in the school somewhere. The members of the athletic committee came to me about it before the question was brought to you. I gathered from the committee that they were thinking about doing it themselves; whether they had made any plans or not I am not sure. I said "suppose you do not come out on it, then you three or four people would be responsible for the amount; it seems to me the student body should back you, in case it doesn't pan out as you think it will." Acting on that suggestion from me the matter was brought to you folks. They have not asked and are not asking for a penny this year. I cannot see how that should interfere with what you wanted to do for the loan fund. There is a devil somewhere in the college. It is not thought that the student body will have to pay a red penny out of its fund, but in case it does come to the point that gate receipts do not pay, the organization will be back of it.

I do not care how much you debate things and take sides on any question that comes before you; I think that's the only way to find the truth, but when

we get the truth why not be clean about it instead of mean about it? There is too much good to be done in the world and too much bad to be fought in the world for college men and women to take the side of the devil. I am glad to see your paper come out with a clear statement of the facts. If we are divided we will fall. We will build and grow through a united spirit. The right kind of spirit makes us realize who our brother or sister or mother is. When the right kind of spirit dominates the hearts of folks a great service will be rendered to humanity. I firmly believe the right kind of spirit is in this college. But even in the twelve disciples Jesus picked there was a devil. I think you have eleven to one; you have a pretty good average, but let us kick that one out. If you can't kick him out at least keep kicking. We don't want that spirit to tear down, to become other than a very minor spirit in our college. We get some good out of the kickers, they make us stop and think, make us plan, make us work.

I am glad we have the wonderful spirit in our college that we do have ; the spirit that kicks against those who try to tear down.

I wanted to make this statement this morning because in its final analysis the matter of backing the athletic committee was brought to you at my suggestion.