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Scripture Lesson: 120th Psalm

I am going to talk to you just a few minutes this morning because there are certain things in our college that we should not have, certain things that we should not be doing. I have learned that we do not have quite as high standard as we ought to have in our college with reference to a few things. I know sometimes it is difficult and trying to determine whether or not a person is standing his or her examinations in the right way. It is sometimes possible, however, to know definitely that a given student is getting help on examinations. I am afraid from what I have learned that you, the student body, do not feel the responsibility for that kind of thing. Young friends, if we are not willing to purge ourselves of evil doing we are going to suffer. There is a sense in which everyone in college is responsible for what everyone else is doing. I want the time to come in our college when our standards will be so high that a student can't stay here and do the wrong thing. I wish it were possible not to have a rule or regulation in our college except that every student shall do his full duty in the right way. I am not sure that we can't come to that, more or less. There seems to be a tendency to set up rules to govern each human activity. The Jews tried that and it was a failure. Christ came not to destroy the laws the Jews made, but to fill them full with love and right living. I wish we could just do that, and there would be no necessity for rules and regulations. If there is cheating going on in the college there is a taint, a worm at the heart that will destroy the beautiful flower we call character. I want the right spirit to get into our college so strongly that that worm can't enter into the hearts of the fine young men and women of our college. What a glorious place it would be if we all realized our responsibility to other individuals; if we realized that other people have certain rights. In the dormitory, for instance, there is a student who has had a hard day and wants to go to sleep before the lights wink, and next door her neighbor doesn't, so she raises all kinds of racket and the

student can't sleep. Maybe by the time the dormitory gets quiet she can't sleep and is a failure the next day because she is tired and nervous--because those around her didn't have the right kind of consideration for her privileges in the college. I might enumerate a large number of similar things that we do, not maliciously, but thoughtlessly, forgetting that the other person has certain rights. Let's build up a higher standard, a better spirit of cooperation. Let's stop doing anything without working with other people, cooperating for the common good. That is why we are working on commencement as we now are, it is necessary that we work together. Let's get the right kind of spirit about it, each one of us. It will help us and help our fellow students.