

CHAPEL, October 19, 1933

-- President Wright

Scripture Lesson: 13th Chapter Book of Acts, Verses 13-15

At chapel Tuesday morning, I was talking to you about quiet hour, and had just started to tell you to write to your home folks and tell them just what the college is trying to do. I am sure they will cooperate when they understand. Tell them there are certain hours when we cannot receive visitors. While in college, your room is your home, but not the same kind of home you left. In your home you can invite whomsoever you will, and take them into your home night or day, early in the morning, or late at night, but you can't do that in college. You have a roommate, and it is her home, too. A great many of our people don't seem to realize that you can't take your brother into your room in the dormitory. Also, there are a lot of folks that don't know that the back doors of a house are not to bring visitors in. We can't have people of the masculine gender promanading around in the dormitories. It does seem that this should be understood without being said, but we have actually found them promanading around. "That's my sister"-- or, "That's my daughter". Maybe so, but that doesn't change it. I know when I was a boy and wanted to go to see a girl at Salem College, any young man could visit a girl at Salem who was his cousin, provided he would kiss her! Plenty of "cousins" got kissed at Salem by people who were no blood kin--my memory is good. I had a sister and a first cousin there. I expect people are just like they use to be. But that's something in the past, and we are not working on that past. Seriously, young folks, there isn't any way we can tell whether the people who call on you are your kinspeople or not, and we simply can't permit them to roam around the dormitories. We have even found a drunk, just walking around in the hall--I hope he wasn't the father of any girl here. But no matter who he was that kind of thing can't go on in this college.

There are certain things you cannot do in college because of the situation, the community. The student who lives next door to you has paid her bills too, and you have no right to destroy the privileges she has paid for, and your folks from home, or your friends, have no right to destroy her privileges. Nobody has that right. We expect from now on to have your most hearty cooperation.

This week is Childhood and Youth week, and Saturday I am going to talk to you on that subject. I am going to end what I have been saying with this verse:

"We are blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making
If it does not make a man.
Why build the nation glorious
If the child unbuilted goes?
In vain we build the city
Unless the child also grows."