

CHAPEL, November 22, 1933

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Verses 12-17, 18th Chapter, Book of Acts

This morning I am closing the series of talks I have been making to you for the last week and a half. I am going to talk to you about schedule.

I wonder if you have thought, for a minute, what this new civilization is going to call for in way of promptness on the part of the individual. Evidently, you have not, from the way you come in<sup>to</sup> chapel. I wonder if you realize you are not preparing yourselves for the responsibilities waiting for you. Radio starts on time and stops on time. If you have a radio program to present and you are not there, it's just too bad; they don't wait for you. If you have something you want to present over radio, it makes no difference who you are, when your time is up somebody justifiably pulls the switch, and you are cut off. All our transportation facilities run on schedule, railroads, buses, airships; all our business world is organized on the basis of some kind of schedule. The mercantile business, manufacturing, all industrial plants, practically every human activity except agriculture--and in some places agriculture is on the same basis--have a definite schedule and work on those schedules. The whole of human life is organized for people to do certain things at a certain time, to start at a certain time, and stop at a given signal. Lowell Thomas comes on on time, and says "So long until tomorrow" on time. The colleges, the schools, all government activity, all the offices ~~and~~ all government departments are organized on a schedule, have a certain time to begin work and a certain time to stop, and if you have been in the Federal government offices you realize that when the time comes to stop you are supposed to stop. If you want to stay over time you are supposed to get permission from the person next in authority to stay. Or, if doing some work in a government office, as I did at one time, not the work of that office, you have to get permission if you wish to stay over time. The whole of life is organized on that basis, young folks, and it is

being organized more and more on a definite schedule--when you are to do certain things, when to go and when to come, how long to stay, when you check in and check out. If you want to make the most possible out of your life you are going to have to follow a schedule. Gamaliel Bradford was an invalid all his life--he didn't live to be an old man, either--and yet he wrote 113 "writing portraits", 2,000 poems, 8 novels, several plays, a host of editorials, and miscellaneous articles, and also found time to keep a 1,400,000-word journal. He organized his life with a certain number of minutes for each thing he was to do during the day. He accomplished more than most strong, active people do in a lifetime, and he did it because he followed a self-imposed schedule. The new civilization we are in today is imposing this thing upon us. We are apparently going to have eight or ten hours a day free, to do as we please, but the rest of the time we are going to be on a very definite schedule. I wonder if you are getting ready for that kind of life? It is just in front of you. Your college has certain rules and regulations you are supposed to follow, a daily schedule. If you are out of step, then you are out of step in your training for your life's work.