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-- President Wright

Scripture Lesson: Matthew VI,

Today marks an interesting period in our nation. It is the birthday of our president. Never during my lifetime has there been a man elected president of the United States who so completely has the confidence of all the people. He loves the people of America and he trusts the people of America and is willing to give them all the information that he has about all kinds of public matters, save the information that must of necessity be confidential with reference to dealings with other nations. It is his policy to give to the people of the nation statements of facts as he has them. He is endeavoring today to put us back on our feet financially, and endeavoring to put us back on our feet economically, to re-establish the monetary system, to re-establish capitalistic form of human activity. He frankly admits that it is an experiment and says if it does not work plans will be changed so they will work.

He is also interested in another experiment and that is the effect of warm baths on people who are suffering from infantile paralysis. This is not a disease that children alone have, but adults as well. For two years he has been working on this Warm Springs Foundation, working it out with the best medical minds in this particular field, and the experiment, it seems, is meeting with success. They can take only a limited number of people. Probably hundreds of folks would be cured, or certainly much benefited, if they could go to Warm Springs for the treatment. Many are not financially able, and there is not enough money in the foundation to help them. It is a splendid thing that our nation is creating a foundation endowment for this purpose. Tonight we are going to hold thousands of dances throughout the United States and the proceeds of these dances will be sent to the Warm Springs Foundation as an endowment fund. That is the purpose of the dance to be held in our campus building tonight. A dance for this purpose should be, and I feel will be, here and everywhere, attended by the kind



of people who really and truly want to do something to be of service. This is a great compliment to our president. It is an opportunity to show our love for our great leader who is himself a victim of this disease, and who will spend the rest of his life a cripple in body. Of course the people who come to this dance will conduct themselves as right-minded citizens. I feel that here and throughout the nation people will go with the right spirit, and show their appreciation of our great leader who loves people, who is trying to be of service to a crippled nation, and to crippled individuals throughout the nation. This method of contributing to the endowment fund to help those who are not financially able to go to Warm Springs for treatment is meeting <sup>with</sup> the approval of practically the entire nation. I feel that those who are dancing tonight will contribute money to help crippled people back on their feet, so that they too may dance. I sometimes ~~think~~ think that this crippled man with an active mind is trying to take a crippled nation and put it back on its feet, and at the same time is hard at work trying to help individual men and women through this Warm Springs Foundation. This is a Rooseveltian policy; a policy which makes the people of the nation love and respect our president.