

November 18- 10:25 A. M.

13 verses from the 8th Chapter of the Book of St. Mark.

Last evening you who came saw and heard the most interesting story of Alaska that you perhaps will ever hear and see. I know that you enjoyed it. I am not going to even ask that question. Edgar C. Raines is perhaps the best informed individual on Alaska in the world. He has had, perhaps, the greatest experiences in that country, or that part of our country of any living American. The pictures that he gave you last evening are real bona fide pictures. It is not something just gotten up for^a collection. Mr. Raines is not lecturing for money. I would like to get that thought home to you people who were here. He does not charge an enormous fee. He is making a very little bit more than his expenses. He knows Alaska and he wants the rest of the people in the U. S. to know that ~~great~~ section of our great country. He has seen the sun at an angle that you and I or very few of us have ever seen it. He has seen the mid-day sun when it wasn't more than two feet high, and he has seen the midnight sun when it was as high as the mid-day sun at any time in the year. He has had experiences in blizzards and snows, and experiences in the long hot summer days. O, yes it gets hot in Alaska, some time up to 100. That's the reason they grow such wonderful vegetables and those beautiful flowers. He has had experiences of all kinds that come to one who lives for a number of years in Alaska, and he has had vision enough to take a camera and make a picture of it, and now he is showing it to the rest of the world. It was a wonderful opportunity you had last night. You got some geography, History, agriculture, domestic life, courtships, travelling experiences, hunting, fishing experiences. Nearly every kind of experience was wrapped up in that lecture, and the wind

didn't blow the tent down but once, but they didn't sing the starspangled banner so he got out all right. (At the beginning of the next period you will ^{see} get the full significance of that.)"

Now let's leave Alaska, or shall we bring Alaska with us. I believe it came this morning. He talked about snow so much last night that it snowed when we got up this morning.

Friday and Saturday you had an experience in college that is worth while, especially to those classes who are finishing their work this year. I want to say a word ^{of thanks} to the potato peelers who peeled potatoes all day, and to those who cooked and prepared and served that splendid luncheon to the visiting teachers on Friday night, not only the girls but the teachers, every teacher who had a part in it, I want to express to you publicly my real appreciation for what you did. I want to express my appreciation to the teachers and officers in the college who helped to arrange for this teachers meeting. Now let me stop right here and express my appreciation to Mr. Austin for the way in which he ran off those slides last night. He had the hardest job of the whole business. It is hard to run those slides and keep them right side up.

The work that was done here last week to make this teachers meeting a success, I appreciate exceedingly the part each one took in it.

I am wondering how you young women are going to feel about these teachers meetings when you leave here and go out into the State as a teacher. There are certain teachers in eastern N. C. who did not attend that meeting, some of them I expected to see here that didn't come. Some of them were former students here. Are you going to take that half or ^{day} day that is set aside in your school as a holiday in order that you may attend this meeting. Are you going to take that

day to do something else, or are you going to the meeting. I hear people say, oh, they don't do any thing in those meetings that will help me. Why? It is your meeting, it isn't theirs, it is yours. What are you doing to make it a success. Are you entering into it, young women, If you are going into teaching as a profession you have got to go into it. You can't stay off on the side line and play the game. The best you can do on the side line is to root, and a hog can root. I want every student of this college when she goes out from here as a teacher to be a 100 per cent teacher and to go into the work with her whole soul. If some one should write to you and ask you to read a paper on some subject before your department, whichever department you may be a member of, don't sit down and say I can't do that, you can do it, and write and say yes, I will do the best for you I can and do the best of any body on the program. If a question is thrown open for discussion, and there is something you believe about it that hasn't been brought out get up and say so. Oh, there will be somebody who won't agree with you. That's all right. There isn't but one thing that thinking people agree upon, and that is they agree to disagree, ~~that~~ that's all. I want you to take an active part in these meeting because they are your meetings. Some one said to me, well, you had a good meeting. I said, yes, we had a good meeting. Do you see the difference? You had a good meeting. I am an outsider. My answer was, yes, we had a good meeting, trying to take him in. Some men are mighty hard to take in, arn't they. One of the troubles with the teachers of North Carolina is that they do not get together and pull together for the common good. A teacher will say it is too much trouble. They are going to meet next time in Washington, they are not going to meet here, and there will be teachers in Greenville and surrounding community who will say it is too much trouble to go to Washington. It wouldn't be too much trouble to go, it would be too much trouble to stay home. It

It shows where the person's heart and soul is. Whether it is in the work or not, and as one of those leading characters said in Shakespeare "assume a virtue if you have it not".. When you go out in the field as a teacher you go to these meetings and take part in them, it will do you good and it will help the meeting. O, yes, they will be glad to have your opinion on these subjects, and I believe it is worth having. We had a great meeting here last week, and I hope a year from now we will have a better one in Washington.