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I stand before you this morning with mingled feelings of joy and sadness. We went before the Appropriations Committee yesterday, and I think we had a most satisfactory hearing. They appointed a committee to visit us, and so far as I know, our's is the only institution in the state that they have done that for. I see by the paper today that this committee is to visit us next Wednesday. I am very much pleased with the day's work that we did for you yesterday in Raleigh.

The feeling of sadness that I have this morning is due to what took place the day before I left. I am not going to tell you about it, I am sure you all know, but I am doubly sad because it hurts me to have to do a thing of that kind. And then it hurts me to pick it up down town where students have been airing their opinions before the young people of the community.

Young women, when a girl is in trouble, help her, always help her, and don't ~~magnify~~^{air} it to the people who magnify it and make it all the more difficult for her. Give her a chance. Don't go down the streets and talk about things that may hurt somebody. I want to tell you, and I am not talking about anybody in particular, I want to tell you one of the great principles of life. The human being, male or female, who will deliberately plan and work to get one of the other sex in trouble (and I know what I am talking about from the man's side, because I am a man) will always magnify it and make it worse than it is. The person who is not right-minded to start with doesn't become right-minded to stop with. The boy who will get a girl in trouble, will tell it and make it worse than it is and will blacken her character if he can. I say it reverently, - in God's name, you must protect each other. I do not mean that you must condone wrong doing. I don't mean that, we can't do that, but we can keep from constantly kicking the person who has made

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one slip, and we/put the arm of love around them and help them. That is God's way.

Please do not carry these things into the community, because you are doing folks who are personally concerned a very grave injustice. Do not make the stores, drug stores, candy kitchens, or wherever you go, do not make them gossip parlors. Learn that one of the virtues of life is to know much more than you tell, and say only the good things about people. That will help them; the other always hurts, and sometimes you do not know the truth, all of the truth, and it hurts terribly because it is taken as the whole truth and is added to. Now I do not mean that you are not to go into the stores, but don't make them places of gossip. Don't make it a place to meet the type of boy who will go on and magnify everything he hears. If I were to tell you the things they are saying the girls in this college do, you would be horrified. I know it isn't so. I have that much faith in you, and I have too much respect for you to even tell it. Just remember what I have said, and know that I haven't told you but just a little about how they would magnify everything you might say.

I wish it were possible to make a college for young women as free as any other kind of life. The amount of freedom and liberty that you young women have in comparison to two generations ago is almost incredible. As young as I am, and I am as young as the youngest girl here, and I know we have some who are just sixteen, I have seen a girls' school with a high brick wall around it and on the top of that high brick wall broken pieces of bottles and things of that kind to keep boys from climbing in and to keep girls from climbing out. And at that time a girl was not allowed to go down street at all without some woman connected with the college going with her as a chaperon and staying with her all the time. Now, that was just yesterday in our civilization and it is out of date today, and I am glad of it. I am glad that we can look on the young womanhood of our day with an entirely different attitude. I am just as glad as you are of this great freedom that you have, but, young women, there is a difference between freedom and

license. There is a place and Jehovah has marked it there where there is a dead line and beyond it you dare not go. On this side is freedom, across it is license. Sometimes we step across and come back, and only one or two in the world know it, and we say we are safe, and we step again and again and then we are gone, and then it is too late, and if it is a young woman, the man who stepped across with her comes back, and when she steps the time too many, he comes out and just broadcasts it, and she is gone and gone in high gear.

Deal with your fellowman with charity, because it is true just as I read in this chapter this morning (and I didn't select it for this talk), "God will judge the people of the earth". And He is going to judge them with His truth. It is coming to all of us and it comes to us daily. God is judging you and He is judging you with His truth.

Out here in North Carolina are several hundreds of thousands of children, little tots down there in the darkness of ignorance, groping, with their little hands outstretched to you and to me for teachers with intelligence and character who can go to those little folks and intelligently lead them out of youth's darkness into boyhood and girlhood and on into manhood and womanhood, into the light of full grown citizenship and character. Character is most important. They are begging this institution to send them young women teachers from here who can make right minded men and women out of the children of our state and so help me God, we are going to send them to them, but we are not going to send those who do not have character, we won't do it, not if we know it. We are going to help the children, but it means right minded men and women as teachers; otherwise, we will have a wrong minded citizenship. It is a tremendous responsibility. The most glorious privilege that comes to a human being outside of motherhood and rearing a family, is to train children for right minded citizenship. Let us in this college help you to that kind of attainment, regardless of what the lawless and the evil minded of this world may say. Jehovah will judge you, and He will judge you with his Truth.