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Notes: Chapel Address: Some Unfinished Tasks, 1952

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THEME Some Unfinished Tasks -

1. Not a formal chapel address. next seven minutes to a few questions troubling us - seemingly unrelated - but really connected - our unfinished tasks - things that still remain to be done - becoming ideals - desirable but unrealized objectives - all related to our common life.
2. Even connect it with Easter^{2 ways}. the one festival when the beauty & realism of the Christian faith appear most clearly. ^{Easter} basis for the beautiful, brave, belligerent statement of the Credo "I believe in the resurrection" - no vague, ghostly Platonic world - immortality of soul. Shoddy Sentimentality: The return of Spring - continuation of personality - no! "body" - you as you live & breathe - only glorified will live forever. all of you - except your sin, your pain, your weakness - is immortal.
3. See the determining decisive role of Easter in your life? Living in the light of our immortality we can not be easily satisfied with low ends and near horizon - in some measure we must be worthy of our given immortality - grateful - more it demands - also Easter truth demands obedience.
4. Apply to common life on campus - certain disquieting factors. how much does our moral and spiritual life differ from those who have no Easter? Evidence is

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piling up - some of us confuse - tragically so -
about some things - my own observation -

a) Gossip - sin of tongue -

b) Sex - individual problem - general
standards - social approval -

c) God - sharp slump in chapel -
those we would like to talk to

not here - meeting this evening - serious

~~does~~ attendances about it - we must be honest with
ourselves - and with those who love us
and support us -

5. Discussion between now & end of year.
experience of Series should be utilized -
a joint task - first step: honest facing
of the gap - faith we possess - faith we live -
ideals & realization - ^{Summary} fundamentally sound -
but then on tasks that are unfinished
and heights that are seen but not yet
reached - and we must travel on to
touch them if we can -