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Ruth Paxson at Convocation.

Mrs Ruth Paxson, national secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association, spoke at convocation yesterday morning on "Debts." She mentioned her visit here last year when she talked about "Time," something which no University student had and everyone wanted. Yesterday she reversed the order and talked about something every student had, and no one wanted.

"So often," she said, "there is a tendency to speak of debts in terms of dollars and cents. Such and such a person is said to be worth so many thousand or perhaps so many millions of dollars. But there are other debts which we don't realize. As a matter of fact, some people who have the most money are worth nothing. While those who have little or no money may be worth everything." She then spoke of five debts which every student owed.

The first debt students owe is to the tax-payer. The University is being supported by tax-payers, the great majority of whom do not derive any direct benefit from it. Some of them, perhaps, never see it, and the only benefit they derive comes, if it comes at all, through the better manhood and womanhood that the students carry with them when they came back to the little country towns. The University was established and exists for the students, but not in a selfish way. They ought to make retribution for the benefits they get there. The second debt students owe is to the faculty. A good many students do not realize this. They think the obligation is from the professor to the student. They think that because the professor is paid a salary that alone ought to be sufficient remuneration for his work. But if a professor's salary was three times as large as it is it would not be enough to repay the exertion that every member of the faculty ought to put forth in trying to teach those who come to him to be, not merely students, but to be men and women, and so every student owes a debt to the faculty.

The third debt with which she charged the students was the debt to father and mother. She tried to impress upon the students the abstinence and sacrifice father and mother at home were making in order that their boy or girl might take advantage of the opportunities which to them were denied, and when the student recalls the hardships and denials that parents undergo and all for him, how can he help but feel hanging over him the shadow of a debt which the greatest effort on his part can only partially repay.

Another debt students owe is to the world. While they work the world works for them. It would be impossible to carry on the work of education if others were not working to supply the needs, comforts and luxuries of the educated. She closed her talk by reminding students of their debt to God. She made a contrast between Christian America, where by reading one could come in touch with the lives of other people, and heathen India, where every life was wrapped up in its own little cell and knew nothing of other lives except those with which it came in personal contact. She urged students to spread the spirit of fellowship. "One of the greatest sins of college life," she said, "is the sin of selfishness. Do not come to be ministered unto, but minister unto others. Be men and women. Pay your debts."

The new book on plant diseases has come and may now be had by members of the class in plant pathology. Charles E. Bessey.

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- Dr. Woodward, diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Richards block.
- Thanksgiving Game. The reserved seats for the Thanksgiving game will be put on sale at Harry Porter's Wednesday morning, November 15.
- Mr. Borrowman, instructor in assaying, visited the Omaha smelter on Tuesday. While there he secured, through the courtesy of the smelter people, a number of typical ores for practice in his assaying class.

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