

# PROF. HIGGINS ON "IDEALS"

CHAPEL TALKS PRESENT  
SPLENDID THOUGHTS ON UP-  
LIFTING SUBJECT.

"Ideal is an image of perfection"—  
Ideals divided into social and in-  
dividual—Best College is a group  
Ideal.

"An ideal is an image of perfec-  
tion, a conception of a perfect thing  
or condition, a pattern, a chosen  
standard," said Prof. Higgins before  
the student body last week as he be-  
gan a series of lectures on "Ideals."

"Our ideals are social and individ-  
ual; they are partly inherited and  
partly independently formed." The  
group ideals are exemplified by the  
family with its home ideal, the  
tribe with the community ideal, the  
city-state and the world-state with  
the civic ideal. Christ's ideal was  
that of a purified earthly society  
of redeemed individuals. The eccle-  
siastical ideal of a universal church  
state is seen in the Roman church.

"Now we are turning again to  
world ideals, not based, however, on  
military power, or divine election,  
but on the consent of free peoples.  
It is significant that in this day we  
are talking about the international  
mind, the League of Nations, the in-  
terchurch world movement, thus in  
our thoughts connecting political and  
religious ideals. So, in the course of  
civilization we are getting back near  
the religio-social ideal of Jesus, to-  
wards a 'Federation of the World'  
based on genuine good will and jus-  
tice, a veritable commonwealth of the  
children of the good Father.

"The nearest group ideal at pres-  
ent is the ideal college. A college,  
in the highest sense of the word,  
means 'campus comradeship in high-  
er studies,' that is, a localized group  
in some favored spot, filled with the  
friendly, stimulating, helpful spirit  
of comradeship, and devoted to the  
eager pursuit of such knowledge and

training as shall fit us for the higher tasks of life."

Prof. Higgins called attention to the fact that the word "ideal" is not found in the Bible but the word "example" is used with the meaning now given to "ideal". Biblical references on this subject were cited.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." So ideals are necessary for a people and therefore necessary for the individual if he is to rise above the ox. A brute cannot entertain an ideal. During one's youth is the time for the formation of ideals. "Young men see visions; old men dream dreams."

Moral education means bringing people in contact with compelling, attractive personalities who shall help create high ideals. "We shall do well to cherish the ideals of physical excellence, of intellectual excellence, of self-control, of service, and of friendship. The highest, finest privilege of college life, in fact any life, is that of choosing friends wisely, making friends securely, being a friend truly."

The series of talks were unusually good and were appreciated by thinking students.