

President Martin Gives Convocation

This morning in chapel President Martin delivered his annual opening convocation, speaking on the subject "College is your opportunity."

President Martin said that students will do well to realize that education means opportunity for them in their lives henceforth. "It is not only the key to greater material prosperity . . . , but also an opportunity to grow in thinking power, in knowledge, and in moral and spiritual stature."

In illustrating how college is an opportunity President Martin said, "It is well to take a good look at ourselves; for college gives us an unusual opportunity for self discovery and self appraisal."

In the area of study Dr. Martin felt that students should take a look at the world, especially the world of people. He felt that one of the deficiencies of modern education is that students did not learn either the geography or anything of the culture of peoples of other lands. "We learn practically nothing about the rich oriental cultures," he said. "The non-European nations will play a tremendous role in the world of tomorrow," he continued.

Finally, Dr. Martin considered the role of religion in campus life. He said, "Religion

has an inescapable basis in thought, but it is essentially a relationship between the soul and God, an altar which integrates life, a light which penetrates the darkness of the world."

In conclusion Dr. Martin said. "It is better that we should all, faculty and students, bring our aspirations, our plans, our purposes, and together offer them for God's blessing in this religious convocation. If we do this sincerely, this year will be a significant one for each present."