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.....before I spoke I said to Dr. Edman that I wondered if anybody had recently spoken on the text I was going to take that morning. I said I thought it was likely it has been quite a while that anybody had in Wheaton Chapel, and after I finished he told me that in all the years he had been at Wheaton, he had never heard anybody speak on that text in the Wheaton Chapel. Now, I received a blessing ~~to~~ to my own soul from the consideration of the text, and even though I doubt if it has ever before been used in this chapel either, I would like to direct your attention to it this morning. The text is Mark ~~17~~ 16:18. "They shall take up serpents, and if they break any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." And I told them there, I dealt particularly with the first part of it, "they shall take up serpents," and that's what ~~I~~ I am going to take up with you this morning.

I remember when I was Seminary hearing someone say that he was always very careful never to preach on the last half of the last chapter of ~~the~~ Mark. He said, this is not in the original, and we should not preach upon it, and someone answered him and said, Yes, but this is practically a summary of the last part of the Gospel of Luke. Practically everything here is said in Luke, so there is really nothing added, and he said, Yes, there is something added, that about they shall take up serpents. That's only in Mark, not in Luke. Well, I had a very distressing experience on Easter Sunday afternoon. I wanted to hear the latest news about the National Council Clergyman who had visited Moscow recently, and I listened to two broadcasts, ^{on} one of which one of them was speaking. The other one was the National Council presentation of religious news. ~~And~~ And it was very interesting to hear, and I am glad I heard it, but he interrupted the ~~xxxx~~ broadcast in the middle to say, I will now read you the Easter Story as contained in the Gospel of Mark, and this is what he read. He read it from the RSV. He said, "And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome ~~xxxx~~ brought spices so that they might go and anoint, and very early on the first day of