



## A MESSAGE

To Students of the School of Agriculture at Crookston:

In conveying to you my greetings this year, I wish to express to you my congratulations that you have done so well under the very trying conditions of this year. To be able to go ahead steadily toward a desired goal, even with such distractions as epidemics of disease and changes from war-time to peace-time conditions, is an achievement which promises well for your future success as individuals and as a school.

Amidst the many confusing differences of opinion as to what Agriculture can or should do, and what can or should be done for Agriculture, during reconstruction times, it is our duty and our opportunity to be calm, sane, and optimistic. Now, as never before, the importance of a prosperous, contented rural population as a national asset is generally recognized. We ought to be thinking clearly and planning carefully how we may contribute our share to the realization of this happy condition. Education and intelligence are universally recognized as the most potent factors in avoiding the dangers which the economic and social world is facing, and we must each and all contribute our part as an example of what cultured minds and spirits can do to help in this world's crisis.

Sincerely yours,

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