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TO SENIOR CLASS OF 1923, NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE:

I always feel when I am invited to write my annual letter to the graduates of the Northwest School of Agriculture that I should offer a word of encouragement and advice, and yet I know how trite words of encouragement and advice frequently become upon such occasions. For this reason, I wish merely to extend my congratulations to the Senior Class upon having completed its course and upon the opportunities for service that await it. I do this not merely because it is commencement time, but because your School is a part of the system of education the state maintains. It is a part of the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota is not located at any one place; it is located in Minneapolis, in St. Paul, in Rochester, at Crookston, Morris, Waseca, Grand Rapids, Cloquet, Zumbra Heights, Itasca Park and at numerous other places where experimental farms are located. Slowly but surely the state of Minnesota is evolving a state plan of education, a plan which already ramifies and reaches into practically every corner and touches every phase of life in the state. The University of Minnesota is not a local institution; it is the state's name for a state policy. All of us, therefore, who attend its various units, no matter where they may be located, are a part of this larger whole or entity, and as a consequence owe a certain loyalty to each other, a certain feeling that the inclusiveness of the University embraces us all, and a certain obligation to the state that adopts a state wide policy for the education of its children.

Cordially yours,

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