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TO THE CLASS OF 1924, NORTHWEST SCHOOL:

At commencement the future looms up in greater proportions than at any other time. A certain work of preparation has been completed. A definite amount of training has been received. Added power is yours. Added charm of personality, more culture, the joys of friendships formed, a larger vision, ability to enjoy the graces of life, a truer view of religion—these have come to you, if you have used the opportunities here the last three years!

Looking back on it all is there not something that is of most importance? I know you have often thought about this, for it is the problem of life. That something which is most important, is not easy to define, nor to formulate. Scholars have written volumes in their attempts to state the goal of human existence. I cannot hope to add a new thought to that discussion. Furthermore, it is not necessary.

To lead a good life epitomizes the ideal. A recent writer has stated it tersely, "A good life implies freedom of choice and self-activity, and brings it about that the man leading it flourishes in health of body, mind, and spirit, producing fruit according to his kind, finding and fulfilling himself. Speaking in terms of religion, he that leads such a life obeys the voice of God. Such a life man feels to be good, and he calls it good." To lead a good life is a glorious experience. It is an adventure. It is a game, a contest, worthy your best steel. Look at life in that light and hold fast to the age-long principles of goodness and your life will be a success. The Northwest School is proud of the record you have made. Our best wishes are with you.

Northwest School,
February 12, 1924.

Sincerely yours,
C. G. SELVIG,
Superintendent.