



*To the Senior Class of 1926:*

The letter requesting me to write a statement for your annual came when we were in the midst of our preparations for Homecoming. Of course many return to the campus simply to see the football game, but I have the feeling that a certain measure of sentiment and loyalty is also involved in the return of the alumni and students to the University at this particular season of the year.

The graduates and former students of the Northwest School will be animated and actuated by the same causes. As years pass unpleasant things in the main will drop from memory and the pleasant things will be raised into greater relief.

The true life of the school will be determined by more mature minds and seen by more mature eyes.

It will be recognized that this school has made a distinctive contribution to the life of the Northwest, that its purposes and aims have been genuine and of the very highest, and that it is entitled to the respect and affection of those who have been its beneficiaries.

The school may help farmers and the farmers' wives in a thousand ways but after all it will find its soul in the opinions and affections of those who have been its students.

Cordially yours,

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