

I am happy to send a word of greeting to the Senior Class of the Northwest School. The years you have spent at the school have given you a wider vision and a deeper knowledge of the problems of the world, including those of agriculture. They have shown you how necessary it is that problems be considered in terms of facts and of tested experience. They have also shown you that men are more disposed to rely upon personal opinion, prejudice, and emotion than they are to rely upon careful study and intelligently formed judgments in deciding matters of public interest.

One of the reasons for maintaining schools is that those who attend them will learn to weigh causes and to judge effects. Progress will be promoted and civilization advanced in proportion as educated persons benefit in later life by the lessons they learned in school.

Sincerely yours,



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