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Die Geentheid.

Rede vir Vreugde.

Wie aanwesig is: Studente, Dosente, Oms,  
en <sup>ander</sup> belangstellende.  
Dus gelukwense.

Maar wat beteken dit? - ontteed.

II

Dat opleiding wat sukses bekom is.

(a) Moeilike studie.

(b) Veelsesende praktiese werk.

(c) Onderbreking op weg na bereiking  
van ideale.

(d) Mistieke geldelike probleme.

III

Dat in groter inkomste versy kan word.

(a) Verskill. inkomste uit verskill.  
soorte werk.

(b) Nou groter inkomste - en ander  
voorregte.

(c) Sal dus onafh. wees.

IV

Dat in Professie beoefen kan word.

(a) Baedry vandag in professie.

(b) Nie gewone handewerk nie.

(c) In Professie wat hoe eise stel.

(d) Kry in plek in die gespes.  
wêreld waarin ons lewe.

(Verder Engels.)

V

Main thing: qualified to serve.

(a) Importance of the right-spirit.  
words of old professor. Spirit  
of service.

(b) Applies to all professions.  
What does a man strive after? Personal honour, riches, influence? Are these 'the things that endure'? Do they make small things great?

(c) This applies especially in Agriculture: spirit of service is the decisive factor. If this is absent there can be no happiness. } Booker T. Washington.

(d) Service to the soil, to the country, to fellow humans.

(e) Population shifting from country to town and city. Farming community will more and more be called upon to produce. Duty of individual farmer has increased.

VI Conclusion: What this amounts to.  
Importance of success in study,  
of income, of profession.

Diploma must, however, be a symbol of an attitude of mind. - Education of the farmer, and not merely training.

Seek not the reward - subjective, personal!

Duty in the spirit of service and you will receive the award. Award may be a medallion, an illuminated address, an oration by a qualified person. But

highest award: the knowledge  
that you have made a  
contribution towards the  
happiness of mankind.  
This is the kind of award that  
endures. The things of the  
spirit that live on, long  
after material things have  
vanished.

Conclude: how pleased I was  
able to attend this ceremony.  
May it make an indelible  
impression upon the minds  
of our young men. May it  
inspire them to be devoted  
to a life not of personal  
gain or honour, but, above  
all, to a life of service  
and kind deeds to  
others.

Sincere congratulations — alles  
van die beste vir die  
toekoms!

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Arthur Baer: You can take a  
boy out of the country,  
but you can't take the  
country out of a boy.

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Booker T. Washington: No race  
can prosper till it learns  
that there is as much  
dignity in tilling a field  
as in writing a poem.

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