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FELLOW STUDENTS AND GRADUATES OF THE SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHERN NORMAL SCHOOL:

I do not grant you this diploma because of its intrinsic value, for it is worth but little measured by dollars and cents. But what it represents to you in moral and intellectual culture is a priceless treasure that can not be measured by a gold or silver standard. Neither is this diploma a token that you have finished your education, but simply of an education well begun, and which can only be completed by the larger experience in the great school of life. Every member of the faculty whose name appears on this diploma has signed it with a good will and with the best of good wishes for your future success. They have watched with increasing interest and delight the progress you have made, and if the earnestness and shrewdness of the work you have done here is an evidence of the energy and diligence with which you will enter upon life's greater work, and judging your future career by your past record, it needs no prophet to foretell what great things life holds in store for you.