

numbers among its graduates and former students some who have won distinction and honor in various departments of the railroad service, and I trust that the number who go out from these walls to join your ranks may be increased in proportion as they shall demonstrate their fitness and qualification to hold positions of honor and trust among you.

The student, full of resolution, hope and courage, and determined to make the most of present opportunities, will be stimulated to greater activity and helped on in his work by coming in contact with you. The student, tired of his daily round of work and ready to stop short of the allotted period which the experience of the ages has established as necessary to prepare himself for the graver duties and responsibilities that will soon confront him, is in need of the inspiration to renewed courage and greater effort that I feel sure your presence will give.

We are not altogether selfish in our designs. To you who are seeking to temporarily cast aside the toils and cares of life, we trust this commingling with our students, in whose breasts are the fires of youth, fresh kindled and brightly burning, will recall the memory of happy college days gone by and that while you are among us you will all be boys and girls again.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Railway Club, I take great pleasure in extending to you a hearty welcome to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. We have no keys to anything. The quarantine has been raised, everything has been unlocked and the keys thrown away; what you see is yours.

I trust your visit will be pleasant and profitable to you as I know it will to us.