

Your Graduate School is to be dedicated to the pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences, with special emphasis, I take it, on literature and history, philosophy and economics, art and social studies. There is to be no sacrifice here, nor any disparagement of what we know as the humanities in favour of a narrower professional or technical training. Princeton has never turned a deaf ear, and will not do so now, to the mighty voices that speak to us from the pages of the past, or to the teachings of poets and bards, singers and seers, philosophers, dramatists, orators, and statesmen. Physical and biological science will of course continue to bulk largely in your curriculum, but rather as departments of the knowledge that is cultivated for its own sake than in the spirit of any limited specialization. And in these days when there is simply no end to the scientific discoveries for which the world is ripe and ready, we shall be reminded by the results of your work in these fields that many of the greatest triumphs of modern invention have owed everything to the patient and unselfish researches of the professor in his laboratory.

You have before you an immense range of work, and one that is not likely to diminish or grow less as knowledge advances. But your reward will be great. It is because Princeton is giving fresh guarantees for her contribution to national value and national success that Princeton's friends are with her to-day. They recognize her activity as one form, and a most important form, of national service. They seek to strengthen her hands while she is proclaiming her high ideals of learning and scholarship and impressing those ideals on the minds of those whom she is sending forth to be leaders of thought and action in the world. If it be true that the university in these latter days is one of the highest expressions of the soul of a people, providing the community with the moral and intellectual equipment that links it with all that is best and greatest, and rendering possible the attainment of the nobler aims of life, Princeton may be trusted to continue to "deserve well of the republic".