TO THE STUDENTS

How-hopevver-from-her-hand,your-father-paints-to-those
never take you beyond the circle of her affection. The Insti-
tute is proud of the men it has sent forth, and she counts
upon their loyalty and their devotion. She invites your
counsel, your suggestions, your friendly criticism, your help.
And while she listens with willing ear to every voice which
rings true, she asks you to remember that no greeting so
thrills her as that which comes up from one of her own chil-
dren who is doing a man's work in the world.

Students of the Institution: In a more real sense than any
other body, you are the Institute of Technology. As such I
salute you to-day, and assure you not only of my earnest
wish for your advancement and your success, but also of
my wish for your friendship and for your help. I prefer to
think of such an institution as that in which we work to-
gether, not as an empire governed by the few, but as a re
public in which faculty and students alike are charged with
the government of the whole body.

I congratulate you in taking up the study of engineering,
using that term in the broadest sense. There was never a
more opportune time to enter such work, nor was there ever
a period in the history of our country when the trained en-
gineer had open before him so attractive a field. This is the
day of the trained man, and to him the responsibilities and
the rewards will go. To the American engineer a whole
series of new problems of the highest interest have in recent
years been presented. Railways are to be built, canals are
to be cut, a whole empire of desert land is to blossom under
his hand. The Pacific ocean and the countries which bor-
der upon it are to be the theater of an enormous develop-
ment. Cables will be laid, cities will be developed, the tropics
will be subdued. In all this development the engineer, the
trained engineer, is to play a roll that he has never yet
played since civilization began. May I hope that you may
bear in mind as your ideal of an engineer not only one who
works in steel and brick and timber, but one who by the
quality of his manliness works also in the hearts of men;
one who is great enough to appreciate his duty to his pro-
fession, but likewise, and in a larger and deeper sense, his
duty to a common country and a common civilization.

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