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Notes: Commencement Address, 1953

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DATE 5/31/53 OCCASION Commencement -

THEME _____

1. Statement: Welcome - warm - exp. to parents of our Sis. - for whom this is also a day of accomplishment & achievement - hope to meet personally - sincere note of satisfaction - hope will remain for many years -

Statement formally asked for money - won't do that.

Two things: faculty heart of institution. Administrator - no sun go down on Commencement Day without tribute.

Students - Student Union - loyalty & devotion - esp. class of 1950 - affectionate memory.

2. Wells. great sense of privilege & honor - personal - 13 years ago - rainy October afternoon - took time out - a few very kind & thoughtful words - must forget - Today - one of Indiana's most beloved citizens - a leader - emphasizes one point: his honest friendship for the people & church - racial edge - unity in diversity - so: H. B. W. -

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THEME Charge.

1. Time for the final word - you must know - much money - many sacrifices - many prayers - have brought you to this day - I charge you to be worthy of them - prove yourselves good citizens of our land - good citizens of ^{the} land beyond the evening star - men & women of whom you A.M. will always be proud - as we are today -
instructive
2. Is everything clear? I say that too - not that you know everything - but that you can turn today to the future with confidence & hope - because there should be a great clarity & a great peace in your souls - the final answer to the riddle of tomorrow will come from wisdom & truth & honorate - world without end.
3. And so an affectionate farewell - I hope you will be all you want to be - all that God wants you to be - then you can leave here now with a glad heart and eyes set for the great vision beyond the horizons of our dark age - i.e. unashamed & unafraid - (Alma Mater)

Prayer 49 & 31.