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Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College

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My dear Colleague:

Fifty-five years ago, Prairie View was established by the State of Texas to make possible the kind of education for black boys and girls that would prepare them to meet and grapple successfully with the complicated problems of a changing social order. Only a few are left to tell of those early days when a slave plantation was made a campus and the slave mansion a school house for the sons and daughters of slaves. Truly, "what has God wrought?"

I am happy to welcome you here as a laborer in this noble enterprise of human uplift and preparation.

These are critical times; we are just one step from Dictatorship. With all of our accumulated wisdom and experience we are pathetically floundering on the turbulent uncharted economic seas. What the outcome will be God only knows. But let us hold fast to those fundamentals which have saved this world in yester years of doubts and uncertainties.

The wives of our employees are invited to the meeting Friday evening, September 15, at 7:30, in the Auditorium.

Faithfully yours,

W. R. Banks