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With root stocks in rural Maine, nurtured in printer's ink, printer's devil in your earliest school days, teenage reporter, a life devoted to the Fourth Estate, worldwide fame as editor of a great and distinguished newspaper comes to you as no surprise to your friends and admirers. With your Phi Beta Kappa key from our sister college Bates, and with your degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, we can join together to spike Toynbee's degeneration of Maine as "...a relic of seventeenth century New England, a land of woods and lakes...still inhabited by woodmen and watermen and hunters...[who] now eke out their scanty livelihood by serving as 'guides' for the pleasure-seeks...from far and wide...Maine is still what she was at the time when many...great cities had not yet begun to arise out of the virgin wilderness...at once one of the longest-settled regions within the frontiers of the Union and one of the least urbanized and least sophisticated."

Equally your career denies Thomas Fuller's assertion that "Learning hath gained most by those books which printers have lost." Recent President of the Mother Church of the First Church of Christ Scientist, former President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, chairman of many important commissions, holder of honors from France, Brazil, the Netherlands, and England, as well as from many colleges and universities, by this token we add still another jewel to your crown. As Carlyle has said,

"Great is journalism. Is not every able editor a ruler of the world, being the persuader of it?"

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