

ADDRESS, JUNE DAY EXERCISES,  
MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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The Superintendent and the Board of Managers of this school have honored me by inviting me to take part in these Annual June Day Exercises at the Maryland Training School for Boys. It is a pleasure, in particular, for me to be here to meet and talk with you boys who represent such an important group of the future citizens of our State and our nation. I have known for many years of the splendid work that has been done by the Maryland Training School in this vital public function, the education of our youth.

Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter, who directs the State department under which the school has operated—and who incidentally, was unable to come here for these exercises—has informed me that during the past several years, the Maryland Training School, under the able and dynamic leadership of the Superintendent, Mr. E. L. Fletcher, and its Board of Managers, has reached a point in its development which it must be ranked as one of the finest institutions of its type in the entire country. Each boy here at the Maryland Training School is being prepared and assisted to return to his home and to his community. Over the years, many of the boys who have gone out from this school have become successful business and professional men—have developed into fine citizens and become assets to their communities. Many other boys have gone into military service and have distinguished themselves, both in time of war and in time of peace, as good soldiers, good sailors, good airmen and good marines, in defense of our nation. Many other boys have taken their place in the community as plain hard-working citizens and have made substantial contributions to the welfare of the community.

My remarks here today are directed primarily to the boys in the audience who come here from Baltimore City and the twenty-three counties of our State. Boys make mistakes, as do men and women and all others. For who is without sin and error? Sometimes these are very serious mistakes. It is the responsibility of this school, which your State has set up and is maintaining, to help you face your mistakes and to guide you back into the channels of good citizenship as quickly as possible.