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Kfar Silver, 1958.

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I need not tell you how proud and happy I am to be with you this day. I recall the great pleasure I experienced when I visited Kfar Silver two years ago on the occasion of its dedication. It was a high and exciting moment in my life. This is an equally deeply moving and gratifying experience.

I am now about to observe the remarkable progress which this fine school and settlement have made; the increase in the number of its students, as well as the expansion of its physical facilities. I have been following with the keenest interest, your progress.

Kfar Silver has been like a goodly tree planted by streams of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf does not wither and in whatsoever it does it prospers.

I should like to congratulate the men and women who have had direct responsibility for the administration of Kfar Silver on the great devotion and skill which they have invested in it. I should more especially wish to congratulate the students, the young men and women who are preparing themselves here for the glorious career of helping to build this land through agriculture. There is no more noble, vital and constructive enterprise which a young country stands in need of than scientific agricultural development. To acquire the best possible training in modern agriculture and to wed that knowledge to national loyalty and an idealism, which I know that you possess, is to make a supreme and enduring contribution to the growth and the strength of the State of Israel.

I wish you every success in your future work. May you go from strength to strength. May many more young men and women come here to train themselves in hand, heart and mind, for the glorious career of building Israel through agriculture.

"May the spirit be poured upon you from on high and the wilderness become a fruitful field....and may you abide in a peaceful habitation and in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places." (Is. 32.15-18)