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TIL F. H. WHITEHOUSEⁿ

Lysaker, 19th April 1928.

Dear Mr. Whitehouse and my dear young friends,

it is difficult indeed to express the gratitude I feel, and to thank you as I should like to for this charming gift which you have built with your own hands and with your keen, youthful interest, and then brought the long way to Norway and to Lysaker.

I am ~~more~~^{ze} touched than I can say by this admirable token of your sympathy and the interest you have taken in the work of our expedition in the "Fram".

I must also express my admiration for the manner in which you have carried out your work, and have stuck to it to the very end, and finished it in every detail. And when it was finished you have yourselves taken the long journey to bring it to what you had decided to be its destination.

That is a remarkable proof of the right spirit in young people; an exquisite training for making men. It is only to be wished that it was much of it in the young generations. I do hope that it will be the guiding spirit in the future life of all of you.

You are young, my friends, you have the life ahead of you with all its wonderful possibilities and adventure. I am sure that some day some of you may become great explorers in one field or other. We are all of us explorers in life, whatever trail we follow.

^{1/n} But whether explorer ~~of~~ not, I have one advice to give you: stick to the work you begin in life, till the task is finished and finished well, whatever it may be. Go into it with your whole heart and your whole mind. Do not do things by halves, but carry your task through to the best of your ability; just as you have done this task; - and be not satisfied before you have got the feeling that you cannot do it better. It is really remarkable how much you learn by doing a thing well. I am convinced that that is an important secret of real success in life. And it will give you the satisfactory feeling that you quit yourselves like men; for we have come here, in this world, everyone of us, to do our part, and to do it well.

It is men of that kind, with the right stuff in them, whom the world now needs badly, and you, my young friends, will become some of them.

It is a difficult time you are living in, no doubt, and the world does not give you a bright outlook just now, perhaps. But it is an interesting time, many important things are happening, and it is full of great problems for you to solve. It is you who have to create the future, and make the world a better place to live in..

A thing of special importance is, I think, to do all we can to create a better understanding and more confidence between nations, and in that way a fuller