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Dear Benedict:

I send you by mail a copy of some addresses made at the Amherst Agricultural College three years ago, by which, if you look at page 60, you will see that this college, exclusively agricultural, in 22 years had graduated 84 students, who engaged in Agricultural pursuits, in a state now with about two million inhabitants or less when average them 4 per annum. That would be about a half one per cent. in Vt.

The Republicans will find that the Farmers League is now. They will try to dictate all measures hereafter if they succeed in the present Legislature in the College raid. Shame on Middlebury and Rutland for their envy of Burlington! — I start Saturday for Washington.

Hon. G. G. Benedict,

Yours truly  
Justin S. Merrill

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