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Commencement Address of Franklin D. Roosevelt at The
Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Maryland, June 11, 1917.

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The closing exercises consisted of musical numbers, the invocation and benediction by the Rev. W.A. Seabreeze, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Port Deposit; the awarding of diplomas and honors by Dr. Thomas Stockham Baker, headmaster of Tome, and the commencement address by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Roosevelt urged the boys to stick to their schoolboy ideals as their guide through life and to consider national service a privilege and not a duty.

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