

Mrs. Richard Saltonstall
Chestnut Hill,
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Dear Madame:

I beg your excuse for my long silence and late acknowledgment for the help you rendered me in giving the possibility to finish my education. Allow me to bring you my most sincere thanks. Without your help it would be impossible for me to have the education. I owe you so much and, truly to say, I can't express it in my writing.

I graduated from Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture deignon in France at the end of July of the present year and received diploma of Ingeneur Agricole. This school left me the best impression. The teaching and the practical work are ideal over there. I am so happy to be graduated of this school. Of course, this school is counted the in France. Before and after my graduation I was perplexed over my future. I tried to get a position in France or in French Colonies. At last I could of succeed in this, but before me stands a very important question, the necessity of supporting my old father and ill sister. After the revolution in Russia they were deprived of everything and

are now in very poor circumstances. I had to put my personal interests away and assist my relatives. After a long search for work without the result I decided to leave for the United States. I was willing to become a common workman in order to be able to help my father. I know, the Committee is against the departure for America, but my situation was so hopeless, that really, I couldn't do otherwise. My ambition is to become a farmer either here or in France. Then I would be able to give a quiet life to my father, who experienced so much on those horrible years.

The life without fatherland is hard. I left France, which I liked and which gave me so much, with pain in my heart. At the present I am in a new country and I am obliged to begin my life anew. I arrived here recently and I am looking for work. Not being familiar with the English Language and local conditions I feel much opposition. Still I hope in succeeding to find something and that Lord will help me to fulfill the duty toward my family. At the present I work temporarily in a garden. I study the language and seek for more suitable to my speciality work.

Allow me once more to thank you most sincerely.

I hope to perform this some day personally.

Yours very truly

Boris Timchenko

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