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Gentlemen of the Union and Philanthropic Literary Societies: I have accepted the invitation to address you on this anniversary occasion, not alone for the honor of being the first to represent before the public your conjoined membership, never before united under similar circumstances. My chief motive for appearing here to-day sprang from the natural desire to take part in the annual festivities of an Institution of Learning, which was, during several happy years, the leading object of my thoughts and the foremost subject of my prayers. More gladly than I can tell, do I return to these scenes of a former labor and to this home of a past enjoyment. With unfeigned eagerness have I come up to this dear old place, to meet those cherished friends who, not forgotten, have also, I feel sure, been not forgetting. But yet I would that this hour of gladness were not fringed with a...



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