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I SHOULD fail to do justice to my own feeling did I not pause for one moment to acknowledge the kindly greeting which has just been extended to me at the beginning of my life among you. For the words of encouragement which have been spoken, for the assurance of cooperation and support, for the cordial personal welcome, I am more grateful than I can say. The response to such words and to such welcome is not to be made at this time and at this place. It can be given only in the years of service which lie before us.

In choosing a subject upon which I might address you to-day, I have felt strongly influenced to call to your attention certain conclusions which touch upon that great interest which is the common bond which brings us together to-day—the education of men.

It was my fortune some years ago to pass from a university place to that of an executive office of the general government; to go from the work of training students to a corps of men who are recruited almost wholly from the ranks of college graduates. In the attempt to secure for the government service men of the best training, the relation

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