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Edward Orton, Educator.*

I respond this afternoon to a summons difficult to obey but impossible to deny. I am reluctant to undertake what could be done so much better by others, but it is impossible for me to decline to join in doing honor to the memory of one whom I so much loved and admired, however feeble and inadequate my words may be.

My association with Dr. Orton extended through a period of nearly thirty years. Beginning as a casual acquaintance, such as is common among men engaged in the same occupation, it rapidly ripened into a friendship which, happily for me, grew in strength with the years as they passed. My most intimate personal relations with him existed during the earlier years of the Ohio State University, the institution to which he gave so large a share of his life’s work, and which to-day makes fitting acknowledgment of the value of that work and of the irreparable loss which it has sustained in his death. Of Dr. Orton as one of the most eminent of geologists of his time, of the splendid example which he set in the performance of the duties of plain citizenship, and of the many other striking characteristics of a career which is rarely paralleled, others will speak, and I will re-

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