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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 sup-
port, 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 in-
fluenced 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 execu-
tive 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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