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VALEDICTORY ORATION,  
At the Late Commencement at Chapel

Hill,

DELIVERED BY  
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Never did we undertake to deliver the farewell oration under more impressive circumstances, or with a deeper sense of responsibility, than to those who have been the representatives of the most eminent Senior Class since the commencement of our University years. To-day the members of the Faculty, and the more than thirty years the best of all her magisterial efforts in building up our Alma Mater, have been greatly indebted to its past services—to day lie low down his office. To-day, the Faculty, the able coadjutors, cease to cast their rays upon us; by a recent vote of the Board of Trustees, even the time-honored University Hall today was to bid us a last farewell to the system of instruction under which it has flourished for three-quarters of a century. Surely it is an occasion of more than primary interest.

Our class enters upon the active duties of life in a time especially demanding their purest integrity, their highest exertion. In the words of Burke, "The great highways are broken up, and the waters are out." In every department of thought, whether educational, scientific, moral or political, the everlasting conflict between new opinions and long-established theories is raging with unparalleled fury. The advocates of educational reform justify rise in opposition to the exclusive attention paid to classical studies, and demand for the physical sciences a more important place in the system of instruction. The startling theories of Darwin, of Spencer and of Bain, are shaking to their very foundations the old hypotheses of science. Against the pure religion of the lowly Jesus the poisoned arrows of rationalists are flying thick and fast. In the political and social world the infusion of new ideas is marked and encouraging. A glorious revolution of opinion is now actively going on in Europe. Upon every hill-top the signal-flags of progress are brightly gleaming. The watch-word of Reform is rising from the clattering work-shops of Birmingham, and resounding along the vine-clad hills of France and the olive-groves of Italy, re-echoed from the wintry shores of the Baltic and the banks of the dark-flowing Danube. In America the dynamics of incessant progress control the counsels of the nation.

But while, on the one hand, it is of vital importance to the people of the South that, with their minds free from prejudice, they acquiesce in the stern logic of events and join heart and hand in the work of restoration, on the other, it is equally essential that they strive to restore and perpetuate the safeguards of freedom. The sacred landmarks of civil liberty, which have stood through many generations, the priceless inheritance of the race in whose veins runs the cold Norman and Saxon blood, stand in imminent danger of being subjugated in the swelling tide of legislative despotism. Despite the flattering encouragement upon the progress of the United States, which we have just heard, I cannot close my year of life but feel that in my native State the great wrist of *baseus corpus* is powerless at the will of a shoulder-strapped despot, and it is greatly to be feared that a people whose burghs are thus endangered will witness with the apathy of despair, or perchance even welcome the hope of amelioration, the centralization of the supreme power in one man.

"The Tyrant of the Universe;  
We freedom's best and bravest friend;  
That Tyrant was himself."

Another despot of the kind I  
But where men will not despair of the Republic. That the liberties of the whole country are now trembling in the balance, most soon to appear to the public mind. We of the South entertain no vain yearnings for the recovery of our lost rights.

These are days that demand

We honor the gallant soldiers who fought under the star-spangled banner, and weep with all the heart-striken emotion of our common poverty. But we see, in all humanity, that sectional animosity forever laid aside—that the flag of our country, in its silicon beauty, droop pitifully over Southern dead,—that the surviving brothers of an afflicted nation clasp hands over the countless graves where the brave men of both armies sleep.

"These in the robes of glory,  
Lie in the dust of defeat."

In the dust of sterility now,  
Under the sun and the now."

Waiting the judgment day;

Under the leaves, the blue,

Under the willow, the gray,

Under the pine, the green,

Under the oak, the brown,

Under the birch, the white,

Under the maple, the red,

Under the chestnut, the tan,

Under the hickory, the black,

Under the sycamore, the yellow,

Under the mulberry, the purple,

Under the larch, the greenish-yellow,

Under the pine, the yellow-green,

Under the cedar, the reddish-yellow,

Under the cypress, the brownish-yellow,

Under the magnolia, the white-yellow,

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