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ADDRESS OF SIR WILLIAM HINGSTON, LL.D.

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Reverend Gentlemen of the Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen :



MY first duty, as it is my chief pleasure, is to thank the authorities of this seat of learning for the signal honor they have deigned to confer upon me. And here it would be prudent I should rest, for I cannot venture to think—still less to hope—that my fellow graduates of to-day, fresh from the study of what is beautiful in art ; of what is trustworthy in literature ; of much that is reliable in science, and of all that is safe and unerring in religion, would find either pleasure or instruction in listening to one who, in a life of ceaseless and unremitting toil and labour, could now and then succeed in stealing a few moments only, to drink at the fountain of the Muses. Indeed were it not that I implicitly confide in the generosity of the youth around me—and youth is always generous—I should not venture to speak. Yet, custom requires that I should say a few words of the time and circumstances of this interesting event—yet when about to say to them, I feel they will