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AT the close of last session it was hoped that the address on this occasion would be delivered by Principal McFright; but, since then, death has called him to higher service and the Church has committed to me the trust of carrying on his work in the Chair of Systematic Theology and Apologetics. The responsibility of this position is made all the more serious for me by reason of the character and labours of my predecessor. The laurel is "greener from the brow of him that uttered nothing base." The kindly disposition, the wise and ready counsel, the wide scholarship and the clear insight of our departed friend endeared him to all who knew him, and his labour among us was marked by great singleness of purpose in his devotion to the College and by affectionate interest in the welfare of the students. I am the more unfit to take up his work because the time given me is so brief to prepare for the duties of the session. It is only a month since my appointment, and only a week since my release from the pastorate, so that I must cast myself on the leniency of the College authorities and on the generous sympathy of the students. Pressed by so many claims during the past month, I had hoped to be relieved of the duty of delivering an inaugural, but that