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It is surely a truism that more than ever before the universities of North America are the trustees of ^{the liberties} ~~human~~ ^{of man} freedom. It is their high privilege to see that no matter what happens elsewhere, truth can here be sought and proclaimed; beauty can be revered, and the renaissance not only of learning but of mankind grow in significance and splendour.

As I stand here today and gaze into the faces of those who leave Princeton for the university of the world, and as I recall the other great free institutions of learning and enlightenment on this continent, I know in my heart that there will be no betrayal of that great trust.

I thank you for the honour which, in my person, you have shown to my country, ~~and~~ may I be permitted to thank you as well for the honour you have bestowed on one who, in the period of exile from ~~her~~ own land, has honoured ^{Canada} ~~our~~ country by her royal presence. ^{the Crown} The name of Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana of the Netherlands will have for all time its place in the chapter of Canadian history which will record the significant events of the present war. Canadians will be proud indeed that today ^{her royal name} ~~it~~ has become a part of American history as well.

Mr. Chancellor, with my thanks I bring to you and your fellow citizens greetings of brotherhood and gratitude from your northern neighbour. We are grateful for your friendship, and will always do our best to maintain and to deserve it.