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ONCE again we assemble as a university to enter on the work of the academic year, and to welcome those who have a pre-eminent claim on our interest as the representatives of its future. When upwards of a quarter of a century ago the youthful heir of the throne was welcomed in this hall by the undergraduates of that time it was with the gracefully significant salutation: *Imperii spem spes provincie salutat*. In the intervening years some, at least, of that hope has been realized. Young as this university is, we are able to appeal with pride to a goodly list of alumni who have turned to wise account the advantages here enjoyed, and have reflected honour on their alma mater. Our experience as a university is thus far but a reflex of that of the young province itself. What we have accomplished is only the blossoming of an early spring. We dwell on the present chiefly for the promise it unfolds; though I could wish myself young again, that I might witness such another period of progress as I have shared in since this univer-

sity was left free to develop itself as a national institution. We are indeed reminded in very diverse ways that the symbolic tree of our university crest is still but a sapling. Our earliest graduates very recently joined with those of later years in paying their last tribute to the distinguished scholar who first filled this presidential chair; while invitations come to us from one after another university—some of them young in the reckoning of academic life—asking us to unite with them in their grateful retrospect of centuries that have elapsed since their foundation. In 1884 the University of Edinburgh invited the representatives of kindred institutions to join in the tercentenary celebration of its founding. Two years later Harvard recalled the humble beginnings of the first new England University two and a half centuries before, and the present year has outlived all preceding anniversaries in the festivities by which the venerable University of Bologna celebrated the completion of eight hundred