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Mr. Dean, Ladies, and Gentlemen :

By the request of my colleagues, I have the honor of delivering the introductory address of the academic year on which we are about to enter.

Of the changes which remind us, as we re-assemble year after year, of the transitory nature of mundane things, there have been, since we last met, more than the usual number. We need not call over the muster roll to recollect that the grim reaper has been busy amongst us. The absence from our midst this evening of one who belonged, not only to us, but to all the world of literature and science, of religion and philanthropy—the want of that familiar presence which for nearly forty years has formed so large a part of all gatherings of this university constantly makes itself perceived. It is difficult to conceive of any circle of thought or activity in which the loss of Sir Daniel Wilson will not be felt and mourned. A great thinker, deeply interested in his fellow-men, he was to be found in so many avenues of life mingling with them, laboring for their welfare, deriving

pleasure from this work and intercourse, and amid it all remembering and publicly recognizing Him whose servant he was. His sense of gratitude and responsibility to God, his good will and sympathy for men, brought him into the foremost ranks of Christian and philanthropic workers. By all classes and ages he will be missed; from the Senate, from the Council, from the public meetings of all the faculties, from scientific assemblies, from gatherings for the promotion of social and religious objects; by the students in the work of their various societies; by the poor boys for whom he founded the Newsboys' Lodging—but it is useless to individualize further, for his field of work was wherever he knew some way in which he could materially aid in the advancement of the race. There is left, however, the consolation, not only to those who were nearest to him, but to us all, that he is not entirely lost to us, for "he being dead, yet speaketh": in the things which surround us, in the work and life of the university, there are constant associations which bring him before us. When our time comes to depart, may we, in our several spheres, be found ready even as he was.

Another familiar face which we shall miss on commencement days is that of Robert McKim, who for over thirty years has officiated as bedel of the university. On the very same afternoon that the president passed away he was followed through the dark valley by this one, whom the president's daughter designated by the emblem, "My father's faithful friend."