



An Oration Delivered Before the Class of 1859, June 24, 1859 (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from An Oration Delivered Before the Class of 1859, June 24, 1859 We have been looking forward, Classmates, ever since we first answered to our names in the big white hall yonder, to a day when we should all be together for the last time; when assembled in this church, we should listen, with our fathers and mothers, our brothers, sisters, and friends, to what all think and feel, but one must put into stuttering speech. We have never lost sight of this day; we have looked forward to it from out the smoke of college pipes; we have seen its sights in the embers of the college fires; we have wondered how we should feel; we have poetized about it; we have talked about it; and now it is here. We are now to know feeling instead of sentiment, and find out whether four years rubbing of the branches and wedding of the bark, makes the sap of one tree run in the veins and arteries of its neighbor, and whether there will be no...

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