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EXERCISES

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ACADEMIC HALL.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

BY REV. DR. ELIOT,

PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION.

FELLOW CITIZENS: With a degree of pleasure which I cannot adequately express, and with feelings of profound gratitude to Him without whose blessing none can thrive, I welcome you here this day, to take part in the Inaugural Exercises of Washington University. The work is indeed only begun, but the few steps of assured progress already taken justify us in large hopes for the future. Institution-building is and must be a slow work, and if at the end of twenty years we shall have succeeded in the full accomplishment of our plans, it will be a remarkable rapidity of growth.

The Act of Incorporation of this Institution, known at first as Eliot Seminary, was approved February 22, 1853. Its passage was obtained by the exertions of Hon. Wayman Crow, at that time Senator from this district, to whose feelings of personal friendship the name first selected must be attributed. As he was the sole originator of the design, and himself prepared the charter, the