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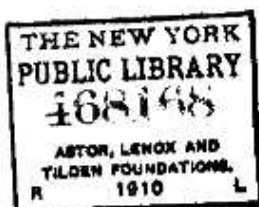
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## LECTURE I

### INTRODUCTION

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF YALE UNIVERSITY:

To you who are enjoying academic advantages and especially to those of you who are devoting yourselves to the study of history and political science, it must seem presumptuous for one who is under the pressure of the exacting duties of executive office to attempt to meet the requirements of a university lectureship. The invitation, with which I have been honoured, and my acceptance of it, can be justified only upon the ground that the chief intention of the founder of this course of lectures was not to invite scholastic disquisition, but rather to quicken in young men the sense of civic responsibility, and that this object might to some degree be attained if one in the midst of public work should seek to draw, though only in outline, a sketch of the field of endeavour, or privilege, of obligation.

I shall make, therefore, no effort to discuss the-

ories of governmental systems, or to present an essay in constitutional history. In speaking of the responsibilities of citizenship, under the title of "Conditions of Progress in Democratic Government," I can give you only a point of view. I shall first speak on "The Attitude of the Individual," and later on "Administrative Efficiency," and "Political Parties."