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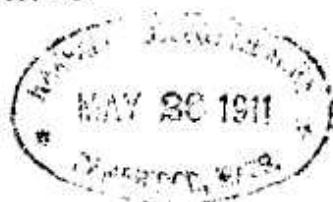
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MR. PRESIDENT and ladies and gentlemen, this seems to me to be a pretty lively audience to listen to an address on Applied Ethics. It sounds more as if we were — not at the last football game, but at some other football game. It is naturally a very great pleasure to me to come back to my own college to speak here at Harvard to you — to you men who will have so much to do with shaping the future of our country; and I want, at the outset, to tell you how profoundly touched and