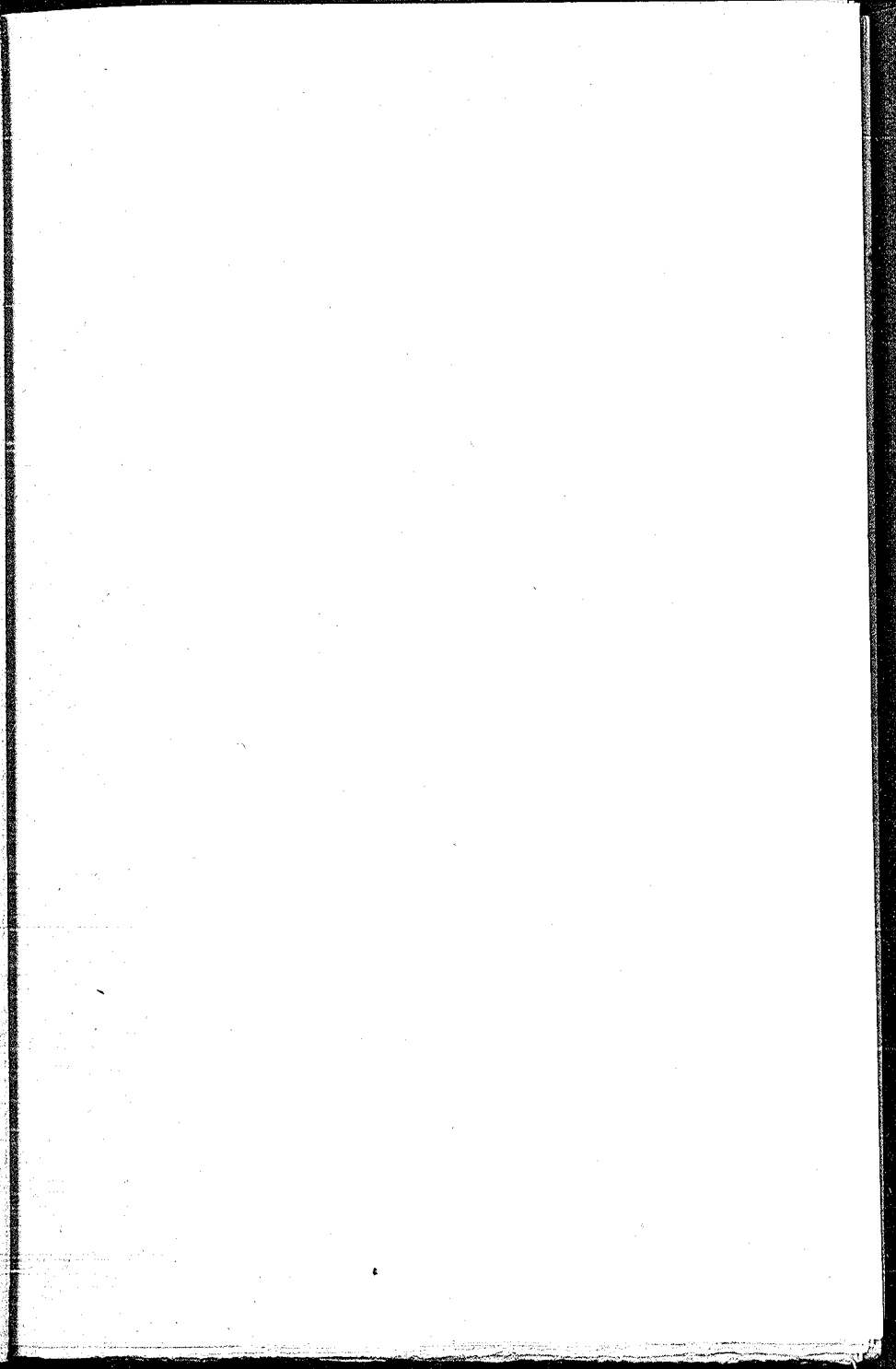
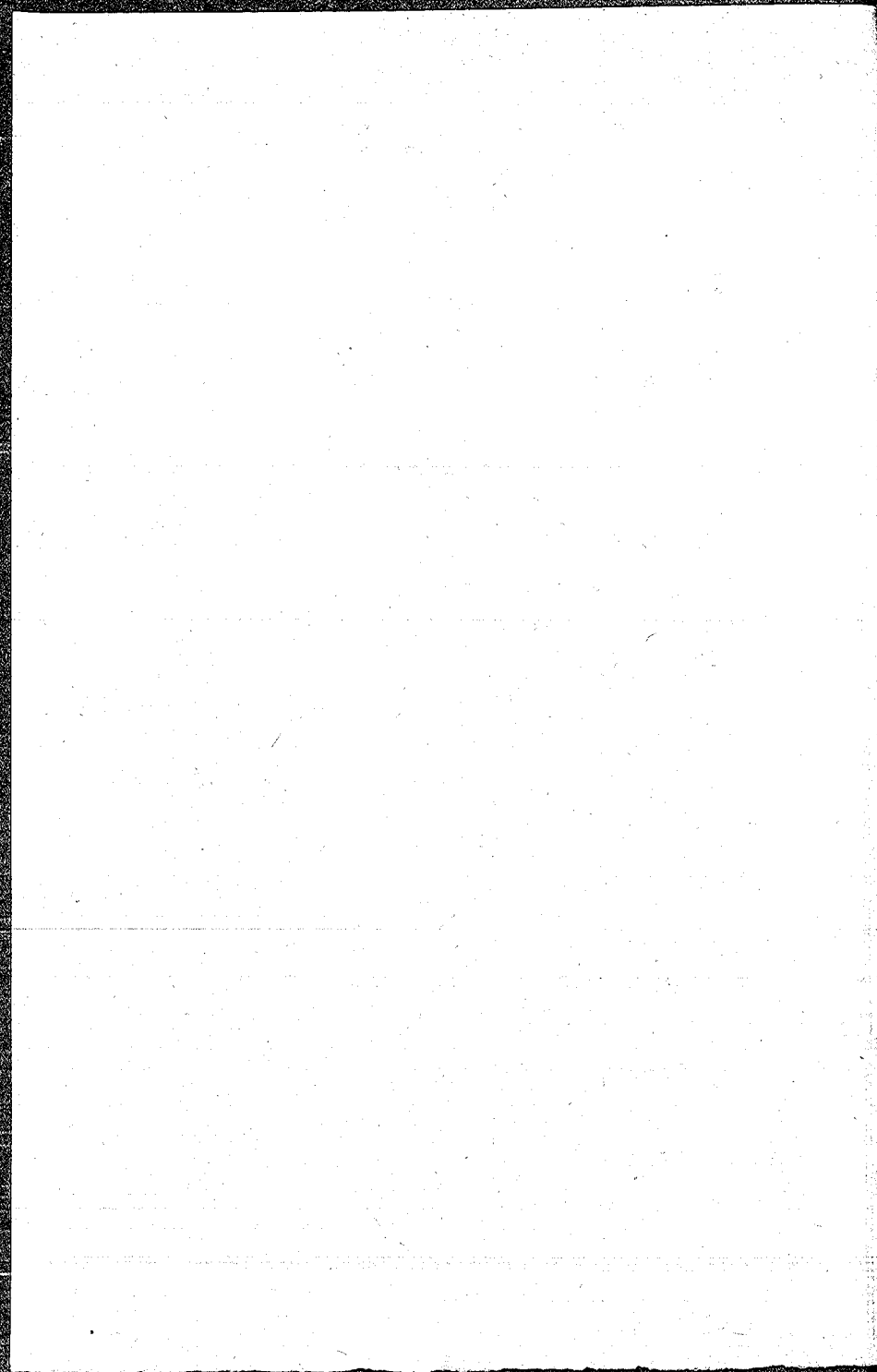


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OF
Alvin Duke Chandler
AS
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OF THE
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

RT. REV. GEORGE PURNELL GUNN
Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Presentation *Rector of the Board of Visitors*
Administration of the Oath of Office
 CLAUDE VERNON SPRATLEY
Associate Justice, The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF:

The Commonwealth of Virginia
 GOVERNOR JOHN STEWART BATTLE
The Colonial Colleges RICHARD D. WEIGLE,
 President of St. John's College
The Virginia Institutions of Higher Learning
 COLGATE W. DARDEN, JR.
 President of the University of Virginia

Thee and serve Thee in their day and generation. Pour out Thy Spirit upon Thy servant to be inducted as the President of this institution of learning that he may ever look unto Thee, the Fountain of all wisdom, and find his mind and heart illumined by Thy great wisdom, and following in the steps of Thy blessed Son may give himself in strengthening service to his fellow men, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound. Hear our prayer, Oh Lord, and let our cry come unto Thee, all which we ask through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

PRESENTATION

MR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON



MR. President, Governor Battle, distinguished guests, friends of William and Mary, and members of the William and Mary family: In behalf of the College, I bid you welcome to the Inauguration of the twenty-second President of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Especially do we welcome the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, the Governor and Mrs. Battle, Virginia's distinguished Senators, the members of the Virginia delegation in the Congress of the United States, and the members of the General Assembly of Virginia. We are particularly happy that representatives of so large a number of our sister institutions of learning and culture have joined us on this occasion. We are mindful that you have paused in your daily pursuits that you might contribute to this, another milestone in the life of William and Mary. We are deeply appreciative of your presence here this day.

To you, Mr. President, permit me a special word of greeting. We are keenly aware of the many perplexing tasks which befall you in these critical days. We realize the sacrifice in person which you make in being present

today. We fully recognize the great honor and tribute you render William and Mary by sharing this day with us. We have long admired your military acumen, and, as you dedicate your profound qualities of leadership to guiding the destinies of our nation, we are confident that with God's help you will master the vast problems which confront us. Sir, we bid you welcome. We bid you be at home at this, the college which gave inspiration and learning to those heroic revolutionary leaders who established and who molded our great republic. We believed it especially appropriate that you be invited to participate in the inauguration of our new President, for he, like you, has devoted much of his life to one of the great arms of our military forces. Your acceptance has brought real joy and happiness to our hearts, and has assured President Chandler of the memorial he has truly earned during the short time he has served as leader of the College. We shall ever cherish the memory of your visit with us. May it be as rich and satisfying an experience for you and your charming wife as it is for us.

We have heard much of William and Mary's glorious past. I venture the assertion that we shall hear much more of it, for indeed it has been a glorious past, and I yield to no one in my admiration of the accomplishments of those responsible for that past. Nevertheless, my friends, I fear that often times we of William and Mary become so enthralled by her magnificent record of public service during the early days of our nation that we lose our perspective; that we become subservient to something akin to ancestor worship which blinds us to the needs of the present and William and Mary's responsibility for

meeting those needs. Certainly, I am proud of William and Mary's contributions to past generations, as all of us may justly be; but believe me, my friends, William and Mary's place in history is secure. Such men as Thomas Jefferson, George Wythe, John Marshall, James Blair, and James Monroe, to mention but a few, saw to this nearly two centuries ago, and no amount of idolatrous-like worship of her golden era on our part can assure her of any greater position in history than she now enjoys.

Understand me, if you please, I do not say that we should ignore her past; to the contrary, I assert that we should study it, study it so that we may grasp the vision of those men who installed here at William and Mary such innovations in college procedures as the lecture system of classroom instruction—a revolutionary concept in the mid-eighteenth century, I assure you; and the elective system of study—a radical departure from the traditionally prescribed courses of two centuries ago. Grasp the vision of the men who here introduced a new philosophy of undergraduate living—the Honor System, and who here established the first school of law in this country, the second such chair in the English-speaking world.

Yes, I say, study our past. Grasp the vision of those who walked before us, for it is on the foundation built for us, our heritage, that we can build a greater William and Mary of tomorrow. Let us cease to aimlessly stumble and purposelessly wander, basking innocuously in the glow of the flame of William and Mary's illustrious past while that flame grows fainter and fainter for want of fuel to support it. Let us build a William and Mary standing firmly on the solid stones of her matchless past

but with an unyielding determination to recognize the educational needs of our people today and unqualifiedly dedicated to meeting those needs.

It was with such a conviction that the Board of Visitors set about its task of seeking the man who could fill the seat occupied by Blair, Madison, Ewell, Tyler, Chandler, Bryan and Pomfret. It was with the further conviction that William and Mary has the duty to move ahead in her business of educating the people, to supply the fountain from which the youth of the day can drink of the inspiration, the culture, and the learning which kindled in the soul of Jefferson and his compatriots the will to be free men, that these youths on the morrow can bring a richer meaning to freedom and the dignity of man.

Some nineteen months ago, we believed that we had found the man gifted with the vision, the vigor, the intellect, and the genuine love for William and Mary which would make him the leader William and Mary must have. He is the noble son of a revered father. The blood of the College courses rich and virile in his veins. He has proved himself in the service of his country. Today, after working with him and his lovely wife, we are fully persuaded that our choice was right and proper. Therefore, it is with extreme pleasure that on behalf of the Board of Visitors, I present to you the twenty-second president of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, Alvin Duke Chandler, and with our perfect confidence, assurances of support, and devout prayers for God's beneficent guidance, bid him take the time-honored oath of his office.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

JUSTICE CLAUDE VERNON SPRATLEY

PRESIDENT Chandler, it is with great pleasure that I administer to you the oath of office as the twenty-second president of the College of William and Mary. That oath was adopted by the Board of Visitors of the College in 1792. Since that date, it has been taken and observed by each of your predecessors, including your very distinguished father. You will please place your right hand upon the Bible, and repeat after me the following words:

"I, Alvin Duke Chandler, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of president according to the best of my ability, so help me God."

MR. ROBERTSON

BY virtue of authority invested in me by the Board of Visitors, I declare you, Alvin Duke Chandler, President of the College of William and Mary, and in memorial thereof, present you this token, the key to the historic Wren Building and ancient charter of the College of William and Mary.

*ADDRESSES
OF
GREETING*

MR. ROBERTSON: *The College has been intimately associated with the governors of Virginia since its very beginning. The Colonial governors were closely associated with it, and after the Revolution, and since that time, the governors of our state have been associated with the College. It was Jefferson who was responsible for many of the innovations which I have previously mentioned. More recently, while Governor, Senator Byrd was most helpful to the late Dr. Chandler in building many of the buildings you see on the campus today. No governor of Virginia, though, has been more helpful and more cooperative than the present Chief Magistrate of our Commonwealth. Therefore, it is extremely fitting that on this occasion he bring us greetings. It is my pleasure to present His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, John Stewart Battle.*

John Stewart Battle

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

MR. Rector, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen: On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I bring cordial greetings to the principals in these ceremonies and to all of the alumni and friends of the ancient and honorable College of William and Mary. May I express our gratitude to the President of the United States for the honor of his presence here today, and we are particularly happy that he is accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower. Many of his predecessors in office either has studied here or visited here on similar occasions, and we deem it especially fitting that President Eisenhower, upon whose leadership are centered the hopes of free people everywhere, should meet with us here at the well-springs of American democracy during this trying period of world history. I am sure you join with me in praying that he, as others before him, draw renewed inspiration and strength from this beautiful and historic setting to meet the heavy responsibilities which have devolved upon him. This is an extremely happy and unique occasion for

William and Mary, which has enjoyed many distinctions during its 260 years. It marks the installation as president of the distinguished son of an illustrious former president of the College, the first such event in its history, and it marks the return to Williamsburg and this great center of learning and culture a gentleman whose capacity for work and exceptional abilities promise an era of aggressive leadership and sound accomplishment. And this, the second oldest college in America, has the distinction of having trained a large body of Americans whose statesmanship and leadership had a large part in the establishment and shaping of our form of government. Here Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, John Marshall, George Wythe, and scores of fellow Virginia and American patriots worked steadfastly for the implementation of the liberties that brought our earliest settlers to these shores. The nation continues to look to William and Mary and like institutions for such leadership. It is imperative that the high traditions of this college be preserved in full dignity and luster. And it is reassuring to know that the new president of the college is an administrator and educator who enjoys the qualities of character and devotion to duty which have been associated with the outstanding contributions of this institution to free America for more than 250 years. I congratulate the president, Alvin Duke Chandler, as he formally takes office and wish for him, the faculty, the student body, the alumni and other friends of this grand old institution the satisfaction which is certain to be derived from the performance of a high public service in the

proper development of this and succeeding generations of patriotic young Americans who constitute our most priceless asset and upon whom rest our fondest hopes for the future.

MR. ROBERTSON: *There is another distinguished institution of higher learning within a short distance of William and Mary. William and Mary antecedes her by only three years. It is especially appropriate that the president of this institution bring greetings today from the colonial colleges. Therefore, it is my honor to present Dr. Richard D. Weigle, President of St. John's College.*

Richard D. Weigle

THE COLONIAL COLLEGES

MR. Rector, Mr. President, Governor Battle, President Chandler: It is my pleasant duty to bring the felicitations of the colonial colleges upon this auspicious occasion. In his invitation to me, President Chandler called them the pre-Revolutionary colleges. Perhaps, therefore, I speak to you as a revolutionary college president or at least as the president of revolutionary college.

I am especially glad to participate today, for both of our colleges had their beginning in the reign of William of Orange, in the closing decade of the seventeenth century. I have always been grateful that there was enough left in the Royal Privy Purse after 1693 to permit the chartering and blessing of King William's School at Annapolis three years later, precursor of St. John's College.

Moreover, I discover with satisfaction that my beloved predecessor, President Thomas Fell, brought greetings at the inauguration of President Chandler's eminent father as president of the College of William and Mary thirty-four years ago.

It is a distinguished procession of venerable institutions upon whose behalf I speak this morning—sixteen of them in all, if my arithmetic serves me well—all the way from ancient Harvard in 1636 down to young Hampden-Sydney in 1776. Here among many others are the Collegiate School at Saybrook, Connecticut, destined to become Yale College; The Academy and College of Philadelphia, later the University of Pennsylvania, whose Board was headed by Benjamin Franklin; The College of New Jersey, founded at Elizabethtown, and now known as Princeton; and King's College in New York City, one of whose recent Presidents we are honored to have with us here this morning.

In these colonial colleges, were educated many of the founding fathers of this Republic. Their curriculum was in large part the traditional liberal arts. The trivium of grammar, rhetoric, and logic and the quadrivium of arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. Theirs was a balanced education, with stress upon broad intellectual skills and upon the developing of an understanding of man and his place in the world. They confronted no competitive specialisms nor attractive extra-curricular diversions.

These men builded well. We need men like them today to perpetuate their heritage to us. It is a hopeful sign in our generation that a new emphasis is apparent upon the broad training of men's minds. Through general education and greater attention to the liberal arts we can produce men of understanding who will afford us this much needed leadership and will put into perspective our

more sensational advances in science and technology. This must remain an abiding concern for us all.

Here on this campus in 1776, was founded the great national honor society of Phi Beta Kappa, an event which will always shed great luster on the College of William and Mary. I know that I express the sentiments of all the colonial colleges in bringing congratulations to President Chandler and to William and Mary upon this occasion and in coveting for him and for you, that under his guidance William and Mary may realize attainments of equal academic distinction. Thank you.

MR. ROBERTSON: *After his term as President, Thomas Jefferson continued the interest in higher education which he had previously shown here at William and Mary when he was governor and member of the William and Mary Board by devoting his talents to the founding of our great University of Virginia. So you may see the University of Virginia can be said to be a daughter of old William and Mary. Therefore, it is especially appropriate that today the distinguished former governor of Virginia and the present president of the University of Virginia, the Honorable Colgate Whitehead Darden, Jr., bring greeting from the Virginia Colleges.*

Colgate W. Darden, Jr.

THE VIRGINIA INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER LEARNING

MR. Rector, Mr. President, Governor Battle, President Chandler, distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen: The University of Virginia, and her sister institutions, on the occasion of the inauguration of Alvin Duke Chandler as president of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, welcome the opportunity of sending greetings to their own institutional alma mater. We are not unmindful that it was an alumnus of William and Mary and the author of the great declaration which foreshadowed the American struggle for independence who founded the University of Virginia, and that it was the same alumnus who wrote the act of Disestablishment forcing the decision as to whether William and Mary was to emerge from a royal and parochial school into a public or private institution of learning; that it was William and Mary's own choice sustained in the courts of Virginia which was to cede to another priority of existence as a public institution of higher learning in the independent commonwealth. Nor are we

unaware of the other important respects in which William and Mary has been our nourishing parent, both in the training of public men and in the formulation of a system for confirming in the youth of the land their inborn principles of private honor. In bearing these institutional greetings, I add a personal word. I counted it one of the fortunate chances of my life, and a distinguished honor, not only to have learned much from the kindred institutions of William and Mary in Virginia and the University of Virginia, but also, in one capacity or another, to have had the opportunity of serving them both. I give place to no one in the hardiness and good will of my wish that the College may enjoy a future as distinguished, as fruitful, and as noble as its illustrious past. President Chandler, I congratulate you and wish you well.

MR. ROBERTSON: *One of my earliest recollections of William and Mary is the gentleman who will next speak. He was an august member of the Senior class and I was a lowly freshman, a duck, they called us in those days. Since leaving William and Mary, he has continued actively in his civic and religious interest. He is a former mayor of the great city of Richmond. Today he is president of the Society of the Alumni of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. W. Stirling King will bring greetings from the alumni.*

W. Stirling King

THE ALUMNI OF THE COLLEGE

MR. Rector, President Eisenhower, Governor Battle, President Chandler, and friends of William and Mary: The alumni come to this important day in the venerable history of our College with a profound feeling of gratification on the occasion of your inauguration as the twenty-second president of the College of William and Mary. There are many of us including yourself who studied here under the inspiring administration of your illustrious father, the nineteenth president of the College. No alumnus can review the history of this old college without experiencing a deep sense of pride at the unprecedented growth of the College during the first Chandler era, which ended two decades ago. It is with genuine satisfaction that the Alumni of the College welcome the beginning of this second Chandler era, for it carries in its very name great promise at a high level. It is significant, too, that on this memorable day a fine new building bearing the name of a great Virginian and former president of the College, John Stewart Bryan, is

rapidly nearing completion to offer tangible evidence that the Chandler story of achievement is not legend. I know that the alumni of this College and, indeed, will the alumni of all institutions of higher learning be heartened today that here on this hallowed ground the President of the United States, once general of a great army, and you, sir, once an admiral in a great navy, have both turned from the sword to head institutions dedicated to advancing knowledge and improving the minds of our youth. Your example of service in the paths of peace is particularly appropriate here in this cradle of liberty. In your nineteen months as president of our College, we have observed the unmistakable evidences of boundless energy and indomitable courage, so characteristic of another Chandler of another day. This augurs well for the future of the College, and we are thankful that a kind providence has chosen you to expand and complete the work of your famous father.

To extend you the support of the alumni would be a platitude of little importance. We feel that more tangible evidence would be to report to you that today more alumni are actively enrolled in the Society of the Alumni than at any time in the history of the Society. This is our token of cooperation to present to you on this auspicious occasion when the second Chandler era officially begins. We solicitate you upon the entry of your name on the list of great and good men who have nurtured this College which we love, and who have served the use of this state and nation for 260 years. I welcome you on behalf of our 14,000 alumni, secure in the feeling that your name

and that of William and Mary will advance together blazing a trail which would serve to guide those ever eager to secure happiness through knowledge and understanding.

MR. ROBERTSON: *It is with affectionate esteem that I present one of my old professors, senior member of the faculty of the College of William and Mary, Dr. Richard Lee Morton, who brings greetings from the faculty.*

Richard Lee Morton

THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE

MR. Chairman, Mr. President, Governor Battle, President Chandler, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is my privilege to present to the twenty-second President of this ancient college the greetings of the Faculty.

I also take this opportunity to express the pleasure of the Faculty in welcoming our distinguished new alumni. We can point with pride to three presidents of the United States, seventeen governors of Virginia, and fifteen governors of other states who have gone out from the classrooms of this institution.

Thomas Jefferson, whose love of freedom for the mind and spirit was kindled in this College and City, once wrote a statement which, in these trying times, should be inscribed above the entrance of every institution in this country. Of the great University which he founded at Charlottesville, he wrote in 1823, "This institution will