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Joint Society Address.

Delivered before the Austin and Caliopean societies Monday,
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To-morrow will mark the end of another bright and prosperous session in the history of the A. and M. College, and in accordance with a time honored custom handed down by others who have gone before us, we are gathered here to-day to celebrate this, the last meeting of the Austin and Calliopean literary societies for the session of '95 and '96. The success and achievements of prior meetings and the pleasure afforded your visitors redounds greatly to the credit, not only to the societies, but to each and every member. You, who have so earnestly labored for the advancement of the societies may well be proud of the meeting to-day—the presence of the honorable Board of Directors, the Faculty and this large concourse of intellectual and accomplished people, is ample assurance that your efforts are appreciated, and that your labors are not in vain.

To the members I desire to express my profound gratitude and sincere appreciation of the honor which you have so generously conferred upon me. My connection with the societies during my college career was a fruitful source of knowledge as well as a means of entertainment and pleasure, and now I am pleased that I have the honor and the privilege of again taking part in your exercises.

This is an era of remarkable progress; great strides have been made in literature and the arts; commerce has broadened—agriculture flourished and many astonishing discoveries have greeted us from the scientific world. In every