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I

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THEME Conscience & Competence

1. Privilege & honor - a few words as you pause at a milestone in your life - an important occasion.
2. Reminiscence. first time at Culver - December 1942. old gym. Sunday before going home for Christmas - 1942 - your parents will remember one of the darkest years in American history - as dark as 1777 - 1863 - 1917. Bataan - Corregidor - Simpos - Manila. fall of France - an endless catalogue of defeat and disaster. the Culver men present on that dark December morning knew that they would have to fight for or they could finish their education. knew that some would never finish it - but would come to rest under little white crosses all over the world - so: I talked a little while about going home for Christmas - shook hands with some of the men - and watched them march out into the snow - headed for France, Germany, Iwo Jima, Saipan, Japan - Curious fact. learned later - at that very moment 60 men at the U. of Chicago

II

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was working on a bomb which $2\frac{1}{2}$ years later would be dropped on Hiroshima - with 232,000 people - and more war power unthinkable - equivalent to mass suicide

3. Now this morning - 22 years later - I want to pick up exactly where I left off - want to say something about what happened to us and the world before that December day - and since then - to LBS.
4. Why? I would like to have you leave Culver with a sense of high destiny - a solemn resolve to do better than my generation has done - that you will help to open the gates of misery and hope and faith on mankind.
5. Back to 1900 - A.P.M. - what happened to us? Your education with Culver must have provided the answer - or it won't amount to much - it must have given you two things - Computers & Conscience - neither alone - but always together.