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Prof. REED,

Dear Sir—In behalf of the Students of Union College, we are instructed to communicate to you their thanks for the Discourse commemorative of the late Prof. AVERILL, delivered by you on Sunday evening last, and to request from you a copy for publication.

Your obedient servants,

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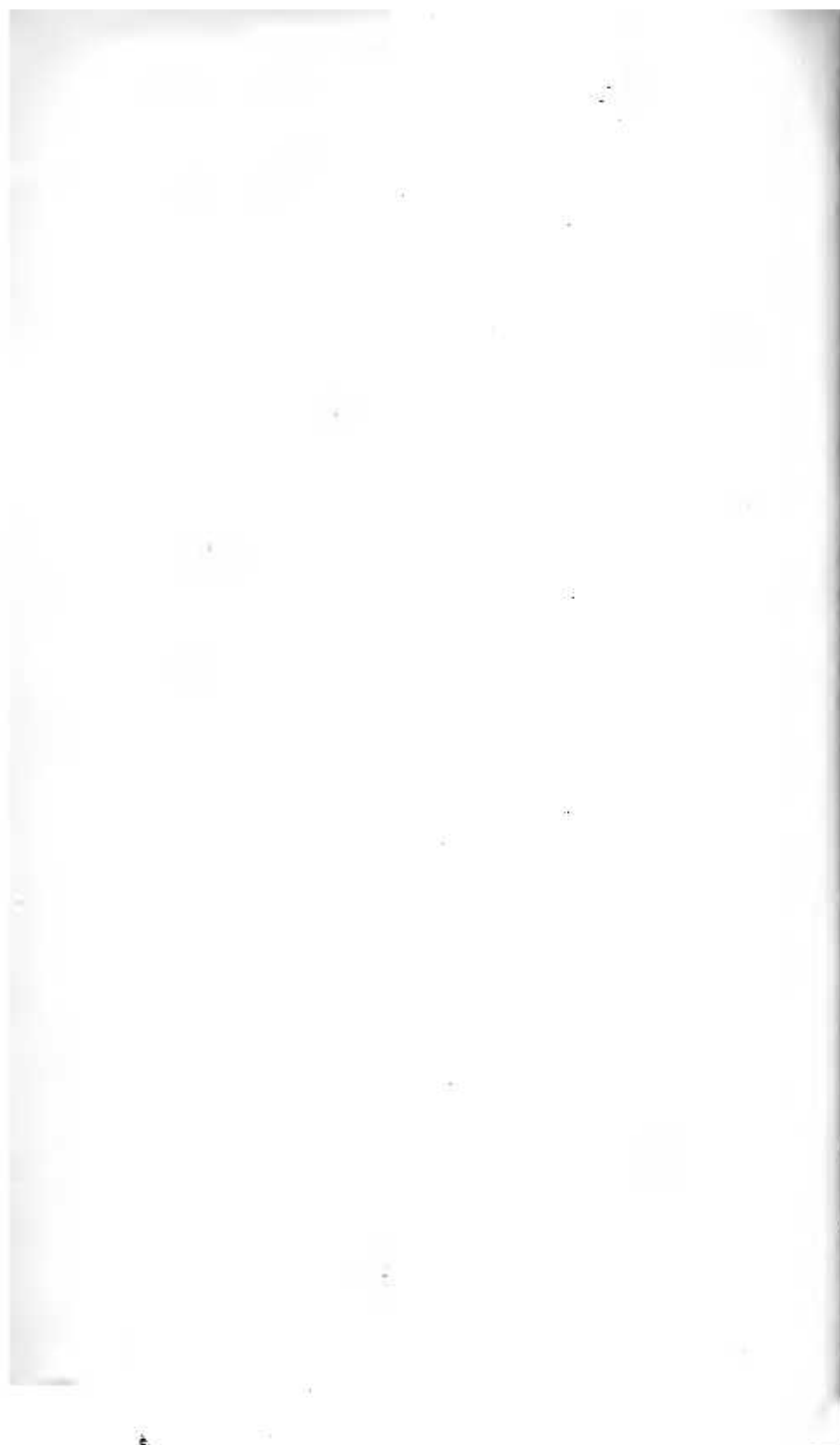
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DISCOURSE.

NEXT to the Deity, a virtuous, powerful, and enlightened mind is the noblest object of human contemplation. Viewed merely in his abstract and individual character, the man of moral and intellectual power is the proudest spectacle which the world exhibits.— Viewed in his relations to society, and in connection with the influence of his virtues and talents upon the happiness of his race, his existence is to be ranked among the most valuable of the Divine blessings, and his death among the most afflictive of the Divine dispensations. And when the Great Destroyer has terminated his earthly career, his character continues to exert its influence with undiminished vigor upon the destinies of those he has left behind him. The elastic elements of which society is composed, may close over the chasm which death has opened; but the virtue and the talent have not ceased to operate upon its interests with an energy, which, though silent and unseen, is yet of incalculable value. A single individual mind may, in the mighty system of created things, be