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MISS LE HAND:

Statement by the President in  
extending greetings to the Associated Harvard  
Clubs meeting at Hot Springs, Virginia.

STEPHEN EARLY

*Reading copy*

I am glad to send my warm greetings to you who are attending the Associated Harvard Clubs meeting. This device of a telephonic connection is not at all satisfactory to me --- for it gives me just enough of a contact to make me more and more sorry that I cannot be with you all in person.

This year there is my added regret because of the <sup>*that I cannot be with you*</sup> presence at your meeting of the new President of our University. Yesterday, Langdon Marvin, former President of the Alumni Association and now President of the Harvard Club of New York, suggested very aptly in connection with himself and Conant and myself, that we president's should stick together. It was a delight to me to have the privilege of a good talk with President Conant a few weeks ago in Washington. ~~II~~ I like his vision and his strength. Under him Harvard will continue to keep abreast of the times. Under him Harvard will maintain

her fine traditions, her attainments of scholarship and, at the same time, will lead in the progression of a progressive world civilization.

These Associated Harvard Club meetings represent a graduate body that comes from every part of our own country and from many foreign lands. That is as it should be. That is what I like about these meetings in which I have so many times taken part myself.

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