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them square and
steady while it
reaches to its final
nucleus of progress.

There are certain
formative influen-
ces surrounding
every succeeding
generation, differ-
ing in character
with each, which
are worthy of con-
sideration as bear-
ing on the collect-
ive success of the
age. ^{Thoughts are wings}
^{Desire is Potent in fire}
I desire, young
gentlemen, to call
your attention to
three of these which
it seems to me prop-
er for you to keep
carefully in mind

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It is every man's
duty to use his best
powers, in the right
way, at the right
time. For this he is
responsible to every
man who lives on
the earth with
him, has lived be-
fore him or shall
come after him.
The past has taken
us on its shoulder,
and demands
that we shall
climb higher than
it did.

The generation
that is coming
on is climbing
to our shoulder,
and demands
that we hold



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Americans in the beginning of 1777.

I shall spare you the description of the
Quaker fields I saw on my trip. They were, however, the chief
object of it, and gave me great pleasure. Princeton
has a ~~very~~ ^{very} good ^{university} college; 200 students from the neighboring
provinces, who receive for 100 Louis, the education which
is given in our colleges of Europe and are ^{well} lodged, ^{well} fed
and clothed. The war has almost destroyed this establishment.
The president of it is a member of Congress, a man 60
years old, who speaks French well and seems acquainted
with all the ancient Latin & Greek authors.

The habits and customs are the same in the Jersey
as in New England, - perhaps a little less ^{strict} severe. Con-
jugal ^{faith} is rigorously observed; a young woman brings
to her husband no other dowry than herself, chooses the
man who ^{to} pleases herself and seems to love him all her
life.

Two miles from Trenton we crossed the Delaware,
arrived next day at Philadelphia. I will not send
you a description of this ^{fine} great city - that which you
have read in Abbe Raynal is ^{not} more than
anything I can say to you. But I ^{will} ^{not} ^{be} ^{here} ^{now}.

where the guards saluted as far as Francis span
dashed ~~through~~ ^{past} the gateway into the Cortile S. Damaso
and ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ a flourish drew up at the Scala Nobile.
With bare heads the attendants opened ~~my~~ ^{the door of} ~~my~~ ^{the} ~~door~~
orham's ~~door~~, and as I ^{entered} ~~passed~~ ^{through} the guards
^{at the door} again saluted, taking me for at least a reigning
Princess. No one-horse vehicle or numbered cab of
any description may enter this ^{court} ~~estate~~ and ^{hence} ~~there~~ the
hotel porter ^{filched} ~~discovered~~ the very smart turnout which
conveyed me remains a mystery.

Mounting the stairs, passing auditors and ~~con-~~
~~fers~~ brilliant with uniforms and vivid groups of
students, about 150 ^{invited} ~~strangers~~ like myself were shown
to chairs at the upper end of the Sala Clementina, the
former three-room. On my left was the niece of a
Bishop in one of the western States; ^{glittering with orders,} on my right, a privy
councilor of the King of Saxony. There were a number
of nuns, and Italian women of rank, ⁱⁿ ~~no~~ ~~more~~ elaborate
~~dress~~ toilettes of black silk or satin and magnifi-
cent ^{diamond} ~~jewels~~. Some of the pins fastening ^{their} ~~hair~~ ^{veils}
almost ~~morning~~ the name of tiaras, ^{and} ~~but~~ a diamond
necklace looked odd at 10 a. m. over a high-necked black dress