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SPEECH OF CHARLES C. BURLEIGH.

Look upon this assembly, gathered for such an occasion and upon a speech, not because it was demanded by the occasion, but because we would utter a word of encouragement to those who have not yet been able to give to the cause of the oppressed. ...

When the South were divided by the breaking of the chains of bondage, and the people of the North, in their hearts of sympathy, ...

Among the friends; faithful only—
is occasion of rejoicing to all who can understand that the story of the individual man, ...

There are those, doubtless, who will ask me, why we have almost turned a day into a festival; why—
We must have the day appointed for that we had joy and lamentation, and it was made to be a jubilee, ...

groups and politicians—a fit occasion for gathering from every corner of the land, to unite our voices in congratulations, and praise, and thanksgiving, ...

Again, when I am astounded by the occasion to contrast the cause of our festivity with that which is made the cause of rejoicing by the vast majority of this people, ...

Washington and Warren, Adams and Hancock, they were contending for rights, which, being won, they could transmit to their posterity, ...

But the British philanthropist, who began years ago, in opposition to precept, and scorn, and obloquy, to contend for the rights of the West Indian slave, ...

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