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Mr President

And gentlemen of the board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina.

At a meeting of the board held last evening at the Governors office, the question of Chapel service arose, by reason of a memorial on that subject from the Episcopal Convention, held in the early part of this year; but as there were very few trustees present last evening it was decided to postpone the consideration of the subject to a future meeting.

The day of meeting designated was wednesday the 12th instant.

Upon signifying my inability to be present on that occasion, the board kindly suggested that I might be heard in writing.

I proceed therefore to state my views in ~~writing~~ accordingly.

At a meeting of the trustees held at Chapel Hill in 1848, if my memory serves me, the same subject was mooted, viz, Whether all the students in college should be compelled to attend Chapel services on Sunday. And as some of the professors were encouraging disobedience in this respect & appeared to be driving an opposition line, another question arose at that time, viz Whether all the members of the faculty as well as the

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