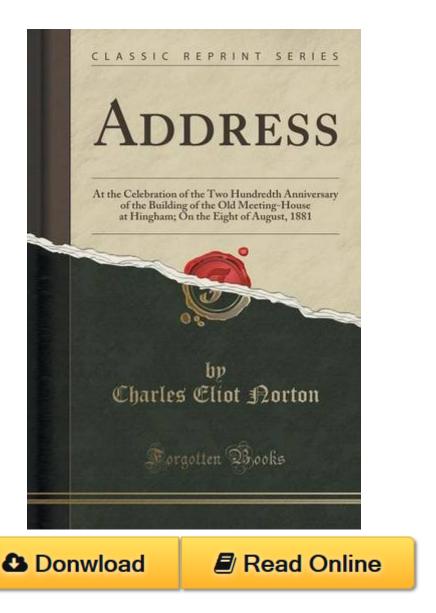
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You have thought it becoming to commemorate the building of this old Meeting-house on its two

hundredth anniversary. You have chosen me, as the lineal descendant of the minister settled over this parish when the Meeting-house was built, whose voice was the first to ask the blessing of God within these walls, and who for many years, Sabbath after Sabbath, here taught the people of the ways of the Lord, - you have chosen me, his descendant, to give expression to the thought and sentiment natural on such an occasion as this. I undertake the duty, to which you have called me, in a spirit of filial piety. Five generations of my forefathers united with your ancestors in worship under this roof. I see around me the descendants of those who listened to the first sermon heard from the ancient pulpit. The names of Hobart, Lincoln, Thaxter, Beal, Cushing, Fearing, Loring, Hersey, Whiton, Sprague, attest the permanence of the families of the early settlers, and the continuity of the life of the town, while they bear honorable witness to the excellence of the stock planted here.1 Rev. Calvin Lincoln.

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