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In connection with the so-called form of
initiation as prescribed by the constitution
of this Society we find this precept, 'The
president or his deputy shall explain the
aims and objects of the society.'

I understand it to be a common inter-
pretation of this provision that a more or less
formal address is to be presented, either
by the president of the chapter, or what
in the present case at least would be better,
by some distinguished member of the so-
ciety acting as deputy, to retain the phrase-
ology of the written law.

In connection with the exercises of this
evening the duty appears to fall upon my
shoulders, but it is not my purpose to
make this communication either lengthy or
formidable.

As to the aims and objects of this so-
ciety we find them fully set forth in section
2 of the Constitution viz.: The

The object of this Society shall be to encourage
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subjects; by the publication of such scientific
matter as may be deemed desirable; by estab-
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scientific centers and by granting the privilege
of membership to such students as have, during
their college course, given special promise of
future achievement.

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