INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.*

In subscribing to this oath of office I am profoundly sensible of the responsibilities I assume.

For the two months preceding my acceptance of the presidency of Stevens Institute I was constantly studying the many questions involved therein, and especially that of my fitness for the office. I feared that it would be presumptuous for a man not an educator by profession to undertake to carry on Dr. Morton’s great work; at the best it seemed to me an experiment of doubtful wisdom, for failure meant probable injury to the loved alma mater as the return for serious sacrifices to be made by myself and those dear to me.

In considering the objection that I had not been trained as an educator, I was not unmindful, on the other hand, of the fact that in my professional career I had been called to direct the later studies of graduates of engineering schools, including a large number of Stevens men, and so had been forced to study and appraise from the viewpoint of practice, the efficiency of the training supplied by a number of our technical schools. In this work I had found myself deeply interested; and in reviewing my experiences in this and some other di-

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