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THE OUTLOOK OF THE SECTION FOR EDUCATION

It is not expected of the presiding officer
of this new section that he will make any
extended address at this time. In fact
those good friends who have had longer
experience than I in the American Associa-
tion and who proposed that I say a few
words by way of introducing Section L to
the association, very thoughtfully added
the intimation that brevity in this speech
would be altogether appropriate. Each
presiding officer of a section may speak his
mind at length in the regular vice-presi-
dential address, delivered at the meeting
following that at which he has presided.
That address is in the nature of a valedic-
tory oration. The first in the line of vice-
presidents of any section has the sole
opportunity of serving also as salutatorian
for his section. It is an advantage over
his successors which he is bound in honor
not to abuse.

One thing, however, ought not to be left
unsaid. The new section is glad that it is,
and I should not fairly represent it if I
did not express to the parent society its
appreciation of the high purpose that called
it into being. Its satisfaction in this re-
gard is shared, I am sure, by the great
body of school men throughout the land.

We see in this act of the American Associa-
tion a sign that the alliance of science
with education, more or less clearly dis-

¹ Address of the vice-president at the Chicago
meeting.