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GREETING ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS BY DR. KARL T. COMPTON, PRESIDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

It is a pleasure for me to have the privilege of greeting Professor Einstein on behalf of American scientists. There is first the pleasure of renewing a personal contact made with Professor Einstein on the occasion of his first visit to America shortly after the war, when he delivered a series of lectures on relativity at Princeton University. Going farther back, there is a second personal connection which Professor Einstein knows nothing about, but which I venture to say has been duplicated by many of my fellow American scientists in some such way as the following.

Some years ago, when my fiancée was debating with herself as to whether she was doing wisely in joining me in the great adventure, we were being entertained in the home of her most admired and respected friend, the pastor of her Methodist church. After dinner this man, who was by nature a poet rather than a scientist, asked me to explain to him in simple language Einstein's theory of relativity, and listened with apparently absorbed interest to my efforts to present this in non-technical language. The next morning he said to my fiancée, "I approve of your young man in all but one respect: he has no sense of humor. I asked him to explain to me Einstein's theory of relativity and he really tried to do it. You are taking a long chance in marrying a man who has no sense of humor." So I suspect every American physicist or mathematician has at one time or another been in a quandary as to whether he should engage upon the hopeless task of an attempted explanation, or whether he should find wisdom in cowardice by stating that he...