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THE MEETING IN GENERAL

In general content and effect the Chicago meeting was characterized by the older members as the most remarkable in the history of the association. It is not difficult to see the justification for this view. The character of the occasion, the setting given the meetings, the contributions of distinguished foreign guests to the programs, the intellectual stimulation of the achievements of a hundred years of scientific progress, all served to make the occasion truly noteworthy.

The unique character of the Century of Progress exhibit of the significant scientific discoveries of the past hundred years appealed with especial force to the members and guests of the association. The great

conception of the organizers of the exposition developed under the guidance of the National Research Council had become a living demonstration of the fundamental rôle of science in the progress of the immediate past. Even a world-wide depression had not crippled the undertaking. This was neither an advertising show nor even merely a museum with static exhibits, but a dynamic demonstration of progress in human welfare that carried the mind irresistibly forward into the safe path for the future.

In the absence from the United States of Professor Henry Norris Russell, of Princeton, who was elected president of the association last January, the retiring president, Dr. John J. Abel, of the Johns Hopkin

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