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## THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW BUILDING OF MELLON INSTITUTE<sup>1</sup> INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND COMMENTS

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DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE

*Honorable Andrew W. Mellon, Mr. Richard K. Mellon, distinguished guests, friends of Mellon Institute and friends of our radio audience:* We extend to you our sincere appreciation for your presence. We are stimulated by an audience of leading scientists, educators and industrialists, who are here to pay tribute to our founders in dedicating this magnificent new building to science for the benefit of humanity. In this we all take pride; and as that occasion has now approached, let me say a word about the meaning of the institute and about the purpose of its founding.

Before they established the institute in 1913, Andrew W. Mellon and the late Richard B. Mellon, the father of Richard K. Mellon, saw the merit of scientific re-

search for the benefit of mankind through the development of industry. Industries of that day, however, were not applying scientific research for the solution of their problems, nor were these industries fully aware as to what such research might mean to them. The institute was established for the purpose of giving this aid.

This venture of scientific research very soon proved its value. New materials and new processes came into being. Industries and the whole estate of man benefited. Yet the founders saw beyond these results. It seemed to them that there were needed researches in science that have a more direct relation to human welfare, which might also advance our basic knowledge of science. Such fundamental work was started; and

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