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### ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT<sup>1</sup>

THIS year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the National Academy of Sciences. No special celebration has been set for the completion of three quarters of a century of corporate existence, such as was held at the completion of the first half century in 1913, and will, I presume, be repeated at the century mark twenty-five years from now.

The semi-centennial meeting was a gala occasion spread over three days; it was opened by an address of welcome by the president of the academy, Ira T. Remsen, followed on the morning of the first day by addresses by President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale on "The Relation of Science to Higher Education in America," by Dr. Arthur Schuster, secretary of the Royal Society of London, on "International Cooperation in Research," and in the afternoon by our recently deeply lamented and always highly honored fellow member, George E. Hale, on "The Earth and Sun as Magnets." In the evening the regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution entertained the mem-

bers and guests of the academy at a reception. On the second day, in the morning, Dr. Theodor Boveri, of the University of Wurzburg, spoke "On the Material Basis of Heredity," and Dr. J. C. Kapteyn, director of the Astronomical Laboratory of the University of Groningen, delivered an address on "The Structure of the Universe." In the afternoon a reception was held at the White House, during which the President of the United States presented medals of the academy to Professor Kapteyn, to his Excellency the Ambassador from France for transmission to the recipient, Henri Deslandres of Mendon, to his Excellency the Minister from Norway for transmission to the recipient, Johan Hjort, and finally to our fellow member, Dr. R. A. Millikan, at that time of the University of Chicago.

On the evening of that day the trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington tendered a reception to the members of the academy and invited guests. On the evening of the third day there was a dinner at the New Willard Hotel with after-dinner speeches by the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Thomas R. Marshall, by the British Ambassador, the

\* Meeting at Washington, D. C., April 25, 26 and 27.

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