STANDARDS OF LIVING AS FUNCTIONS OF SCIENCE
AND OF SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

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The purposes of my paper as first projected for inclusion in the symposium on “Science and Society” were: “(1) to take stock of the extent to which the standards of living of the people in the world have been raised in recent times; (2) to examine the extent to which production must still be expanded in order to provide satisfactory standards of living.” It was hoped thus to “provide a factual basis on which to consider the needs for further applications of science to productive enterprise.”

The phrasing of these intended specifications implies an attempt at statistical precision. “Take stock,” “extent,” “raised,” “factual basis,” “further application.”

1 Condensed from the address on “World Standards of Living” of the retiring vice-president and chairman of Section K, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at the Ottawa session, June 28, 1938.

2 “Principles of Economics,” 8th ed., Chapter XIII, on “Progress in Relation to Standards of Life.”
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