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ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The University of Pennsylvania has special gratification in extending a hearty welcome to the members of your distinguished body in the annual meeting which you are holding this week within our halls. You bring to our campus a group of scientists and educators who feel a certain definite obligation to the state in the several fields in which they are involved. Your association is one of creative possibilities. As your president pointed out in his remarks at the dinner of the academy a year ago your organization traces its origin into Colonial times, but there is a certain significance to the impetus which the movement gained through its incorporation under the approval of Abraham Lincoln at the time of our Civil War. And one reads with new inspiration these words from

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1 Autumn meeting held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, October 28, 29 and 30, 1940.