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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been for me a source for pride and satisfaction to receive the kind and honorable invitation from the president of this great university to be one of the speakers on this solemn occasion. An unknown professor in a very distant university, it is for myself and for my university a great honor to be permitted to say a few words in the majestic home of the ancient King's College of New York, in the midst of the illustrious body of its nine hundred professors.

To these professors, in general, and especially to you, Mr. President, and to your distinguished colleague, Mr. John Basset Moore, who is world-renowned in the subject which I teach in my faculty, I want to address, in a few words, coming from the bottom of my heart, the sincere expressions of my admiration and gratitude. I do not believe that the results of scientific congresses, as such, will have a very marked influence on the progress and increase of science; but it is indisputable that the meeting of representative men of several countries, their mutual knowledge and personal contact in the discussion of matters of common study, is the most appropriate method of increasing an interest in science and of promoting human solidarity.

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