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WE have to-day the privilege of assisting at the formal inauguration of these Research Laboratories, which the enterprise of a manufacturing house has brought into being. I know that I can speak for all those who are present, in saying to the directors whose enlightened policy has provided these laboratories, and to the distinguished investigators who will use them, that we wish them all the success which they desire and deserve. And in wishing them success, I have in mind not merely such as will directly increase the efficiency and extend the scope of the industrial enterprise with which these laboratories are associated, though that we may wish them without reserve; but we may also wish them a wider and more enduring success, in adding to the sum of life-saving knowledge, for the benefit of all mankind.

¹ An address delivered at the opening ceremony of the Research Laboratories of Merck and Company, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, April 25.

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