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In accepting the Chemical Industry Medal, I feel that I am doing so as the representative of Mellon Institute and its executive and research staffs. I think that this signal honor has come not to me as an individual but to the group of research specialists of whom I am the director, in recognition of their original contributions, and I wish to thank you for this expression in permanent form of your high opinion of the scientific and technical accomplishments of our organization. It will be pleasant to take this medal to the institute, to show it to all those who are entitled to share in the great honor conferred by it, and then to place it among our treasured possessions.

I will now describe as briefly and clearly as I can

¹ A discourse delivered in acceptance of the Chemical Industry Medal at the meeting of the American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry, The Chemists' Club, New York, N. Y., November 8, 1935. some of the productive work at the institute whose results have been accorded your recognition in the bestowal of this medal.

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