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"TAKE interest, I implore you, in those sacred dwellings which one designates by the expressive term Laboratories. Demand that they be multiplied, that they be adorned. These are the temples of the future—temples of wellbeing and of happiness. There it is that humanity grows greater, stronger, better."

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¹ Address delivered on the occasion of the dedication of the new Chemistry Building of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, October 9, 1936.

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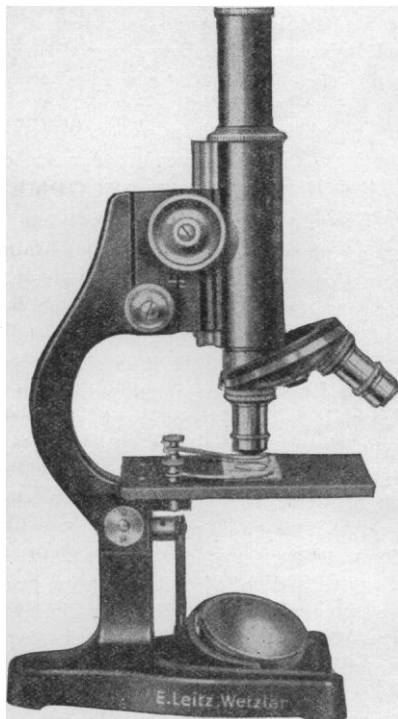
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