

❧ Greetings From the British Association ❧

To all the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science from all the members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, fraternal greetings and warmest congratulations on the attainment of the hundredth anniversary of your Association.

We are proud of the fact that the British Association, founded in 1831, served, to some extent, as a model for the American Association and that it has been possible for our two Associations to work in close harmony during the past century.

As you halt at this turning point to assess the achievements of a long journey and to survey the prospects on a road that knows no ending, we assure you of our continued interest and cooperation in all that you undertake for the achievement of our common aims and high purposes.

We have seen your Association grow steadily into an organisation of over 40,000 members, with an affiliated membership of more than half a million men and women, and your annual meetings become the largest general assemblies of scientists in the world.

We have also watched with admiration and respect your growth not only in numbers but in strength and in influence which, without serious interruption by the Civil War and two world wars, has made such substantial contributions to the advancement of science and its applications to human progress.

With congratulations on the solid achievements of the past hundred years, we send cordial good wishes for the success of all the responsible work that lies in the future and trust that your second century may begin with a brilliantly successful week of celebration and discussion.

During the past half century there have come about changes in the conditions of life more far reaching than any others in human history. Distance has been virtually annihilated and all men have become neighbours. But men are not yet neighbours in spirit as well as truth, and the universal status of science, which is its proudest claim, is also its greatest opportunity. In an age which is characterised by perfection of means and confusion of ideals, science and the discipline of science, which admit no frontiers of race or creed, provide a basis for effective international cooperation in promoting the welfare of mankind.

May it not be too much to expect that there may go forth from so great a gathering of men of science in Washington a new message of hope to a troubled world.

(Signed) Sir Henry Tizard, President
Dr. E. F. Hindle and
Sir Richard Southwell, General Secretaries

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