

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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**M**R. CHAIRMAN and Gentlemen of the Convention :

It is a pleasure to have the privilege of saying a few words to you on behalf of the Motion Picture Industry, and a compliment which I appreciate deeply. You have much work before you and will listen to many speeches of deepest interest to you, so I feel that the kindest thing I can do is to be very brief.

The work which you have done, and are doing, has been of enormous value to the Motion Picture Industry in the great progress which has been made. I regret to say that the part which your association has played in this astonishing advance has not been properly credited to you.

There is, however, a growing understanding and appreciation by those who have benefited so largely by your efforts, and I believe that as time goes on, this understanding and appreciation will be more general. I hope so. You deserve it.

With the coming of sound pictures, your work is not only valuable, but I should say indispensable. I feel this sincerely, and I propose to do all in my power to spread the gospel of your accomplishment. The producers and exhibitors should get behind you solidly and support you; and I know they would be happy to do so if they had a closer contact with your Society. I shall try to help in this.

I hope you and your families will have time to avail yourselves of the courtesy of the larger theatres which has been extended to you through Mr. McQuire. Perhaps your families may thus spend a pleasant hour or two while you are busily engaged here.

I would like you to know that my greeting to you, though very brief, is genuinely sincere, and that you may well be proud of the splendid constructive work you are doing.

I thank you.

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