

upon us, and especially upon our rising youth, whose ardent and honorable aspirations after distinction, may on this felicitous occasion, as I hope and trust it will, receive an impulse which will lead them to usefulness and fame.

It is time I should close this address, which if in no wise a scientific one, has, at least, one merit,—that of being the unaffected expression of what the heart sincerely feels. I hesitated before I determined on accepting the invitation the Corporation of this great City, have honored me with, and for which I beg leave to offer them my respectful thanks. My mind and my heart suggested a different line of action. The heart prompted me to speak; the other to remain silent. I yielded to the suggestion of my heart. That must be my apology.