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Mr. President and Brothers of the
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.

It is a heartfelt pleasure to receive this welcome and testimonial from my professional associates, which I take not only for myself, but in spirit for the other 70 charter members, now gone, by whom the Institute was founded on April 15th, 1884; became operatively organized on May 13th; and began functioning at its first convention in October of the same year during the International Electrical Exhibition at Philadelphia.

The faithfulness and ability with which the affairs of the Institute have been conducted for the good of its members, during the 56 years of its life, and the resulting benefits to mankind are reflected in the increase in members from the original 71, until now they number more than 15,000 in this country alone, and exceed 17,000 altogether; while the benefits are obvious on every hand throughout the world and too vast to be recounted.

The Institute was founded and has prospered to its present highly useful estate under the fostering protection of a government in a land of freedom bequeathed to us by our forefathers. May those who succeed us continue its growth and usefulness under like conditions.

I wish for you all a continued well-being consonant with your own just good, also for the good of the A.I.E.E., and above all for the good of our country.

Chas. L. Clarke
Annual Meeting, Swampscott, Mass.,
June 24, 1940.