A Message
From the Dean

A most unusual assembly was gathered at the General Motors Building of the New Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, May 25, 1934. Between 400 and 500 were guests of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President of the General Motors Corporation. The speakers upon the occasion were men of national reputation in the fields of medicine, psychology, physics and technology, and, last but not least, President Glenn Frank of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Lowell Thomas, the celebrated radio commentator, engineered the train of events. The final and climax speaker was Mr. Charles F. Kettering, O.S.U., 1904.

Dr. Frank aroused much enthusiasm when he stated:

"The machine has not betrayed us. We have betrayed the machine. Science and technology have given us the means by which we may emancipate the race from poverty, drudgery, and insecurity. If we now prove incapable of using these means to the full, the verdict of history upon us will be that we were a people strangled by our own success."

Mr. Kettering stated that it was his impression:

"That we are on the eve of things of an entirely different nature than the mere extension, refinement, and development of the things we already know. I feel that we have upon us in the immediate future a great change in mental attitudes toward the physical world which would bring into existence new pieces of information which will completely change our scientific viewpoint."

Therefore when we hear expressions of these kinds from men of such national importance we should have no fear of the future. All we need is more confidence in our own aptitudes and capabilities and also more confidence in the attitude of the other fellow.