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*Mr. President and Gentlemen :*

I am extremely sorry to be called upon to perform the duties which had been assigned to another who is so ably qualified to respond to your generous and hearty welcome to your pleasant city. I am especially embarrassed in not being more fully informed on your natural resources and not being gifted with the ability to speak of them with that familiarity to which they are entitled or to describe them even fairly to the members of the Institute. We fully appreciate the just pride you have in your handsome city with its wide improved streets adorned with rows of shade trees. No city in Ohio of its size can excel your large and commodious hotels. You are also unusually well provided with railroad advantages. That grand trunk line the B. & O., extending with its branches and various connections into nearly every town from one ocean to the other. Your city is also bisected from north to south by the Cleveland and Marietta R. R., with its one terminus on the banks of the Ohio—our great commercial water way to the states on the gulf, and the other in the forest city on the great chain of lakes, giving you ready transit for your products to the markets of the north. In addition to these (the essential arteries of trade) you have great resources of mineral for the purpose of manufacturing in your immense fields of valuable steam and domestic coal, all as yet comparatively undeveloped. Great wells of nature's new fuel (natural gas) light your city and its hill-sides at night, exciting the envy of the traveler with the luxury you enjoy from nature's store-house. You are geographically in a position to command the market of our latest developed fuel, (one which is challenging coal as to who will be king) oil from the Macksburg field. On the north the great beds of one of the most valuable of the coarser minerals abound—the Black Band ore at Post Boy.

All these lie at your very door steps, inviting the aid of capital and the hand of the skilled mechanic in order to convert them into the various implements for man's use. Certainly no city in our great commonwealth can boast of more of the rare treasures from nature's store house than yours. Nothing remains for you to do but to throw your capital and business energy into the chasm and Cambridge will be quoted as one of the great manufacturing centers of the country. Again allow me to thank you for this most generous and hearty welcome.