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UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS
DURING THE
FIRST UNIVERSITY SESSION

By THE PRINCIPAL (Dr Oliver Lodge)

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We meet for the first time as a complete University. Official names which hitherto have appeared only in our Calendar are here assembled in the flesh. The only thing we are short of is Graduates, and that lack some of you will supply within a year.

A University is not a building, but a society, an assemblage of Students (for we are all students, some senior, some junior), combined together for mutual help and co-operation in the advancement and diffusion of knowledge. This principle of co-operation, the great principle so well worth working for in every department of life, is seen to greater advantage and fuller fruition in a University than anywhere else; each professor attending to his own work, but each anxious for the success, and doing his best to contribute to the success of all the rest.

The first thing I want you to realise is this corporate life on which we have now entered. From one point of view we are professors of different subjects, students of different faculties, workers in different fields; but from another and higher point of view we are one corporate body—