

WELCOME

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I want to bid you welcome to the University of California, to Los Angeles, and to this Symposium. It is, of course, a truism that time is important to all of us--and I say it only in order to tell you, first, that I shall be very brief; and second, why I am holding up this bell. Some time ago Professor Aiken of Harvard had this bell made up for us, and I treasure it very much. Let me read you the inscriptions. On one side it says, "From the Computation Laboratory of Harvard University to the Western Data Processing Center of the University of California at Los Angeles". On the reverse side it says, "To be used in case of lecture breaks, coffee breaks, machine failure, fire, and other emergencies". I think there may be a few such occasions here from time to time, so I am going to lend Dr. Edmundson this now ancient bell for use in this Symposium.