

I for my part was deeply moved when I was shown the house
Mr. Principal, Ladies and Gentlemen,

You have kindly invited us once again to the Senate Hall of the University of Edinburgh as your guests to-night at a farewell dinner. You give us the honour and opportunity to be together once more with colleagues of the Faculties of your famous University, and you have given us such a hearty welcome here in Edinburgh that we will never forget.

And now, Mr. Principal, please forgive me when I am for a few seconds a great sinner against the law of protocol. But, Mr. Principal, if you will forgive my sin, then the Almighty God will also forgive me.

In inviting us to be his guests - and now I address especially my German colleagues - the Principal of the University of Edinburgh honours us by making us the guests of the world-famous Nobel Prize winner, Sir Edward Victor Appleton. No scientist can ever receive a greater world honour than the Nobel Prize, and every university and faculty can be very proud to have a Nobel Prize man.

How well and happily it will turn out for the University of Edinburgh that you, Sir Edward and now I hope you have forgiven me my sin - that you will put the strength and force of your thinking, of your mental powers, not only to the further study of the ionosphere, but also to the daily tasks, and to the long-term development plans of the University of Edinburgh, its Faculties, Departments, and Institutes to the advantage of all the Professors, Lecturers and Assistants of your University and the student body.

I had the opportunity to look through the list of your Provost Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors, Rectors, Principals, and Professors in all your Faculties, and I reflected when Robert Rollock became the first Regent in the Faculty of Arts in 1583, what a proud list of British and especially Scottish geniuses were his contemporaries; what contributions to the treasures of human knowledge and wisdom, what achievements for the benefit of human beings and for humanity have marked the record of this University since its foundation.

medium of operas, theatre and music, the citizens of Edinburgh fulfil social and public services of the highest order. And I say