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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am so glad that I was given the chance to address you to-night, because I am very anxious to extend you a sincere welcome from all my heart. Every member of our Association shares with me the feelings of joy and proudness about your coming and I would add to these feelings the expression of my personal gratitude for all the kindness and generous hospitality I enjoyed in 29 from the English, and in 32 from the American Association. We all hope that you will take with you in your countries the best souvenirs of your, alas so short, staying in Hungary. We do hope also that you will return in you countries with the impression that our nation had and has still a role to play in the history of the human civilisation and that this role is strengthened every day by the growing importance of our women-movement. It is 120 years ago that a great Hungarian woman - the supposed bienaimée immortelle de Beethoven - the Countess Theresa Brunswick founded the first Hungarian Kindergarten /I think it was the third in the whole world/. Since this time, of course, not only the lowest, but also the highest degrees of education are open to Hungarian women, who have the ambition and the capacity to study. I myself devoted my best forces to the study of the later Greek philosophy and therefore I hope that you would not mind if for stressing upon the importance of our actual meeting, I am looking back in my field of studies. I should like to rise before your eyes the long past shadows of another Banquet upon which the immortal genius of Platon and Socrate are radiating. Et maintenant je voudrais vous demander la permission de continuer mon discours en francais parce que, c'est la langue dans laquelle j'ai fait, pour la plupart, mes études de philosophie.

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