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"Were American Newcomen to do naught else, our work is well done if we succeed in sharing with America a strengthened inspiration to continue the struggle towards a nobler Civilization—through wider knowledge and understanding of the hopes, ambitions, and deeds of leaders in the past who have upheld Civilization's material progress. As we look backward, let us look forward."

—CHARLES PENROSE

*Senior Vice-President for North America
The Newcomen Society of England*

(1923-1957)

*Chairman for North America
(1958)*



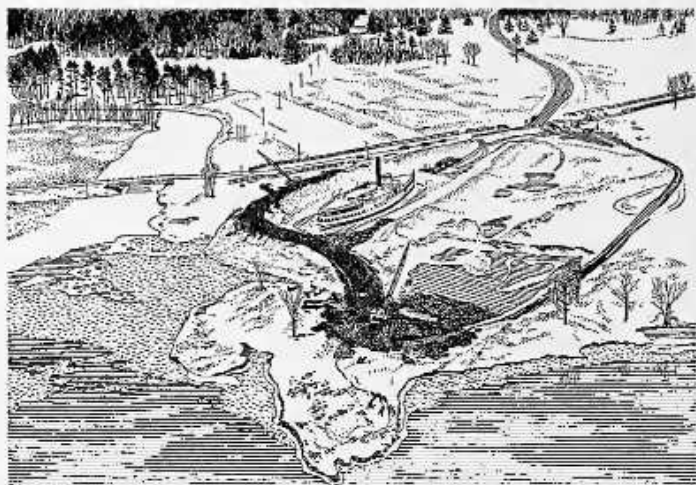
This statement, crystallizing a broad purpose of the society, was first read at the Newcomen Meeting at New York World's Fair on August 5, 1939, when American Newcomen were guests of The British Government

"Actorum Memores simul affectamus Agenda"

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An Address in Vermont



AMERICAN NEWCOMEN, *through the years, has honored numerous institutions and other organizations dedicated to the preservation of treasures of the past, both in the United States of America and in Canada. Such a Newcomen manuscript is this, dealing with an amazingly interesting and important collection, gathered and housed at Shelburne Museum in northern Vermont, along shores of historic Lake Champlain.*



THE FAMOUS "TICONDEROGA"
47 Years upon Lake Champlain!

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"Moving an 892-ton vessel two miles overland has never before been undertaken in history. . . . With pennants flying she reached the grounds of the Shelburne Museum on the afternoon of April 6, 1955, after 65 days, 20 hours, and 28 minutes en route."

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My fellow members of Newcomen:

IT is my pleasure and my honor to introduce to you today's speaker, Ralph Nading Hill. The Newcomen Society is meeting here to honor the Shelburne Museum. It is peculiarly fitting, therefore, that this international Society is rewarded in finding a speaker so closely identified with the Shelburne Museum, who is a native Vermonter, and whose literary and intellectual activities so appropriately fit and grace our present delightful occasion.

Perhaps a brief look at Mr. Hill's background will show how lucky we are at hearing him today and demonstrate how fortunate the Society is to have him as a speaker.