Metric Acrostic - Solution

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The quotation in the acrostic grid reads:

No other system of measurement . . . actually used can match the inherent simplicity of International Metric. . . . It is logically streamlined, whereas other systems developed more or less haphazardly. . . . The third intrinsic advantage is that metric is based on the decimal system.

The answers to the clues:

- A. Battleship
- B. Utter
- C. Recrystallize
- D. Evasion
- E. Assets
- F. Upon my word
- G. Open-hearted
- H. Fahrenheit
- I. Stitch in time
- J. Thrills
- K. Accost
- L. Nanosecond
- M. Dill
- N. Allegiance
- O. Rattle
- P. Demystify
- Q. Shoehorn
- R. Mammals
- S. Easiest
- T. Thresh
- U. Ricotta
- V. Immensity
- W. Centigrade
- X. Shade
- Y. Trimmed
- Z. Utah
- Z¹. Dimly
- Z². Yeoman Service

The first letters of the clues' answers read: Bureau of Standards—Metric Study.