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*An Address upon the Power of Nature in the Cure of Disease.* Read before the New Brunswick Medical Society. By WILLIAM BAYARD, M.D., Edinburgh, President of the Society, &c., &c

GENTLEMEN,—A year has passed since you so kindly re-elected me as your President, consequently the time has arrived when I should place you in a position to select another in my stead. And let me add, that while I gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the honor conferred upon me, I must this evening give place to another; as I think it for the best interest of our Society that we should have a variety of Presidents, as well as subjects for discussion.

In retiring from this chair, it gives me great pleasure to reiterate what I said upon a former occasion—that our meetings and discussions have been conducted in a spirit creditable alike to our heads and our hearts—illustrating the fact, that genuine good will and brotherhood exists among us—and long may it exist—in the earnest wish of one who has ever valued the respect and esteem of his brother practitioners.

When I last addressed you I made some remarks upon the “*Progress of Medical Science*,” recalling to your recollections some of the advances made by art toward the cure of disease. This evening, with your permission, I propose saying a few words upon the *Power of Nature in the Cure of Disease*, and shall endeavour to prove that the *delusions* regarding the cure of disease that have existed in former days, and exist in our day, take their origin in and owe their success to this “*Power*.”

The states of health and disease are conditions belonging equally to all kinds of animals and vegetables. When the functions of an organized living body are performed in the mode, and in the order, belonging to its natural constitution, it is said to be in a state of *health*. When the functions deviate from their nor