

Our confreres from United States delight to honor the names of Physick and Rush, Wood and Warren, Biglow and Bowditch, Alonzo Clark, Flint, Weir Mitchell and others, and yet I am sure they are not one whit behind the Briton of Britons here to-day in their respect for the great men of the British school from Harvey to Lister, who have laid the world under tribute. We in turn delight to honor Laennec, Bichat, Corvisart, Trousseau, Charcot, Pasteur, Vals, Langenbeck, Virchow, Billroth and Koch.

The association, which had met for the second time in its history outside of Great Britain and Ireland, was founded in 1832 in Worcester, England, and had a membership of 140. It was reorganized in 1856, and took its present name. It now has a membership of 20,000, grouped in many divisions and branches in the old country, and in various parts of Greater Britain. There were present an honored member from Egypt and one from New Zealand.

Dr. Reeve, in reviewing the history of the association, complimented the *British Medical Journal* as forming a strong bond of union among the members.

"The editor may well felicitate himself upon the weight of its influence in moulding public opinion and in safe-guarding the interests of the profession. Those who recall the crusades of the anti-vaccinationists and anti-vivisectionists will agree that the journal is at once a faithful sentinel and a doughty champion."

While time did not permit to trace the growth of the organization, the President called attention to one incident of the first meeting which explained much of the valuable work done in years which have intervened. Steps were taken to secure special studies on anatomy and the chemistry of the animal fluids, and the researches on those subjects reported at the second annual meeting were the first of a long series made under the auspices of the association, which has so far given of funds about \$70,000 to meet in part the expense involved. This feature of the association's work formed a bright chapter in her history, and was in marked contrast to the apathy and lack of support of the Government, whose attitude in this regard had often to so many seemed unintelligible. Nothing seems more certain than that money spent in such a cause yields a thousand fold return.

He then reviewed the progress made in medicine during the last decade. Many years were surely compressed into the decennium in which Lister and Pasteur, Koch, Metchnikoff and Behring, with genius and untiring energy in quest of the truth, solved their mighty problems and gave the world such talismanic words as antiseptis, aseptis, immunity and serum therapy. The result had been princely gifts