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BRETHREN,—Since your kindness has conferred upon me the honor of presiding in this meeting of our Association, I have come to apprehend, to some extent, the responsibility of the office which I have been called upon to occupy, and to see that this responsibility increases from year to year.

From the President's address it is reasonably looked for, that it should satisfy a just comparison with those delivered by brethren who have already filled this chair, and that it should equally with those addresses commend itself to the judgment and good taste of those who have to hear it.

It is right that such an address should have for its theme a subject which is of immediate practical interest, not necessarily to the medical profession alone, but also to the general public, and also that it should afford an indication of the way in which professional opinion may deal with that subject.

My respected predecessor of last year made allusion to those institutions, with the working of which his experience has made him familiar, and considering the admitted necessity for the increase of those institutions, as well as the increasing obligations devolving upon the medical profession in connection with the