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*Gentlemen:—*

When you bestowed upon me at our last meeting the honour of the Presidency of this Society, I accepted it with a deep feeling of the responsibilities which came with the position; and in taking this first opportunity of expressing my appreciation of your kindness, let me say that a year's contemplation of the task of preparing the address which custom, as well as the rules of the Society, have led you to expect from the President, has not made it appear a trivial undertaking, and you will perhaps pardon me if I add has in some measure detracted from the satisfaction with which I looked forward to occupying the chair, and extending to you a welcome to this our Shire town on the occasion of your first convention here. The difficulty in addressing you does not lie in the absence of interesting subjects to discuss: rather does it come in this instance from the fact that for many years you have had the pleasure of listening to those who have attained to prominence in our profession, and have thus been able to speak as having authority. Especially profitable have been the papers from those whose practice has been in the line of specialism in any of the different branches of medicine. It is not given to the Country Physician to devote his attention to any one branch: he must take cases as they arise, whether they be