

INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

*To the Members of Knox College Metaphysical
and Literary Society.*

GENTLEMEN, —At this the first Public Meeting of our Society for the present academic year, it is my duty to deliver the usual Inaugural Address. I am required to speak to you on some suitable subject. What that subject shall be you kindly leave entirely to my own choice. Before, however, announcing any definite subject, there are one or two things which I must do. It would be unpardonable on my part were I to forget, first of all, to thank you for electing me to the position which I have to occupy during the present session. Though I do not wish to magnify my office, yet, out of respect to you as members of the Society and as Students, preparing for the office of the Christian Ministry, I must say that the position to which you have elected me is one of honor as well as of responsibility. I must, therefore, thank you for reposing such confidence in me as you have done in electing me to the position. Especially must I do so when I am conscious of my inability to perform the duties of the office with the efficiency and credit manifested by my predecessors.