

However, since it has been your pleasure to elect me, I shall earnestly endeavor to discharge the duties of the office in the best interests of the society and acceptably to you.

If time and attention given to the promotion of the society's welfare can atone for many other deficiencies, they will be cheerfully given, relying at all times upon your kindly counsel and hearty support.

The personal responsibilities of the position will be greatly lessened by the good fortune that has associated with me on the Executive Committee men who have always given the society their faithful service, and are enthusiastic in furthering the objects for which it was organized.

During the coming year your committee will aim at providing programmes of as high a standard of excellence as possible, in which object they will expect the full co operation of all the members. In this connection I would remind you of the article in our by-laws which requires that each member shall submit at least two communications to the society each year. As you will be called on for these during the session, you are asked to accept this as timely notice, that you may have ample opportunity for their preparation. If I may be permitted the observation, we would ask that each member make a special effort to present cases or specimens as fully worked up as possible, which will be greatly to our mutual advantage by giving as high character as possible to the proceedings of the society. To this end, before each meeting longer notice than heretofore will be given, as no doubt we all have felt that the short time left for preparing a subject has not always allowed the full and careful attention we would have desired to give it. Your committee have also asked me to direct your attention to the clause in the constitution which requests "that in the remarks made in reference to specimens exhibited, all discussions on the topics of diagnosis and treatment shall be avoided, except in so far as they illustrate the pathology of the subject."

That we may preserve the individuality of this as a pathological society, it is necessary to bear this in mind. If the rule is not religiously adhered to, the object had in view by those who founded the society—viz., to promote and facilitate the advancement of pathology—will be defeated.

In the discussion of the various subjects members are asked to write on the sheets furnished for the purpose the remarks they desire for publication. This plan, which I believe has been successfully adopted in other societies, will not only lessen the rather arduous duties