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Typhoid Fever.*

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GENTLEMEN,—It becomes my duty as President of this Society to deliver an opening address. It is customary on such occasions to review the history of medicine or surgery from a more or less remote period—generally from the time of Hippocrates, and note the advances made. I have ventured to depart from this custom somewhat and confine my remarks to a more limited field, viz., typhoid fever.

This fever no doubt existed from the most remote period of man's history.

Hippocrates described "a continued fever occurring in autumn, characterized by diarrhœa, bilious vomiting, abdominal pain, red rash, nose bleeding, delirium and subsultus tendinum, sometimes sleepless and again with a tendency to coma, a fever of long duration resulting in great emaciation."

* Read at meeting of Toronto Medical Society.