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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—It was my intention to present at this meeting a paper on the above subject, but, for many reasons, I have decided to detain you only a short while with some remarks, which, I think, will at least open a discussion that may prove profitable. On my way across the continent I learned that Dr. Cameron of Toronto would read a paper on Bone Tuberculosis. I thought, therefore, that mine would be superfluous, and I contented myself simply with a desire to participate in the discussion which Dr. Cameron, I knew, was so competent to open. Furthermore, from the impressions I have gathered, it seems that long papers would be out of place on the present occasion.

So much, then, for an apology. Into the spirit of the views expressed this morning I naturally fall. At once, therefore, I array myself on the side of the tubercular origin of what is commonly known as hip-joint disease. I have long since abandoned the traumatic theory. I believe that all cases occurring in children, with very few exceptions, are tuberculous. The researches of pathology during the last decade have, to my mind, abundantly established this theory. Clinical experience furnishes irresistible proof that the lesion here encountered is almost identical with the lesion encountered in pulmonary tuberculosis. Mr.