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GENTLEMEN :—It has long been the custom in this as in other medical schools, for the teachers in turn to deliver to the students and others, two discourses or addresses in each year. One usually known as the valedictory, at the end of the winter session, and more or less of a retrospective character, dealing with the session which has passed, and offering words of kindly counsel and good wishes to the graduates who are then to leave us. The other at the beginning of the following session, and more or less prospective in character, welcoming the new as well as the older students, and mentally shaking hands with each of them, preparatory to joining in the mutual labors of a busy session.

It has fallen to my lot to be asked to deliver this opening address, and it is with feelings of sincere pleasure that I offer to every student, on behalf of the professors and teachers, a cordial welcome and our best wishes for their welfare, physically and socially, as well as professionally.

In the remarks which I propose to address to you to-day, I have thought it might not be amiss to depart somewhat from the beaten path of introductory lectures, and to take a somewhat retrospective, as well as a prospective, view of the changes which medical education in general has undergone