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GENTLEMEN,—In conformity with the requirements of a time-honored custom, and in obedience to the request of my colleagues, I appear before you to deliver the introductory address on this the opening day of the 43rd session of the Medical Faculty.

Gentlemen, in the name of the Professors of this Faculty I extend to you all a hearty welcome, and hope that you who have been rustivating during the vacation have returned with renewed energy to the work before you.

Allow me to call your attention to a few changes which take place this year in the professional staff.

Dr. Campbell retires from the active duties of the chair of Surgery; and here let me offer to him the expression of deep regret at the loss we suffer by the step he has felt himself obliged to take, and in this regret we must not forget the large share we have had of his energies, in the exercise of his duties of teacher in this faculty, and for which this university has bestowed on him the rank of Emeritus Professor. Many of you gentlemen, doubtless, feel this regret more than I can, from the fact that you have been for a longer period the associates of his toils, and been honored with his friendship, and have for a longer period enjoyed