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ON PANCREATIC INFLAMMATIONS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO CHOLELITHIASIS, AND THEIR TREATMENT.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,—Your kind invitation to give the Address in Surgery before the Canadian Medical Association, accompanied as it was by other temptations, especially that of a visit to this delightful and important part of Greater Britain, left me no choice but to accept the proposed honor.

My only difficulty lay in the selection of a subject, but as I have been for some time working on the pathology and surgery of the pancreas, I ventured to think that pancreatic inflammations in their relationship to cholelithiasis might prove of sufficient interest and importance to engage your attention.

If my surmise falls short of my wishes and of your expectation, I must beforehand crave your forgiveness.

Among the many complications of gall-stones, pancreatitis in its various forms is now known to be one of the most important, though the relationship has only comparatively recently been recognized.

The bile ducts and the pancreas are so intimately related in

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