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## GLIMPSSES OF ABDOMINAL SURGERY IN EUROPE DURING THE PAST SUMMER.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN—At the request of certain members of this Society, I offer a brief narrative description of operators and some of the operations done by them which it was my good fortune to see during a recent visit to Europe. The pleasure of the task before me may be somewhat lessened when I reflect that I shall be giving descriptions of men and things actually seen by a few of the fellows of this Society, and repeating descriptions given by distinguished American gynæcologists who have also been abroad this season, and which nearly all of you have doubtless read. These descriptions refer to several of the same men and to a few of the same operations witnessed by myself. My narrative may therefore be to many of you as a tale that is twice told. My main object in going abroad was to see abdominal surgery, and the men I wanted most to see were Lawson Tait, Thornton and Bantock of England, and Schröder and Martin, the great lights of Berlin. On landing at Liverpool, I proceeded almost immediately to Birmingham, and for a few days became the guest of my friend Mr. Tait. Here I found letters informing me that if I wished to see Schröder and Martin I must lose no time in getting to Berlin, as these gentlemen cease operating and go for holidays early in