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In fulfilling the duty which devolves upon me as President, of addressing you upon the present condition and future prospects of the Institute, I have reason to congratulate both myself and my brother members, that the prosperous state of the Society is such as to render a review of its past history and proceedings, and a comparison between the first struggling years of its existence, and its present efficient organization, not only an agreeable task, but one full of hope and encouragement for the future.

Established at first under circumstances of great difficulty and discouragement, the Institute has, through the zealous efforts of its friends and supporters, been gradually increasing in efficiency and usefulness, until it has at length attained a standing, and attracted to itself a degree of sympathy and support, which warrant us in entertaining the most favorable anticipations as to its future progress.

If, then, I venture to occupy your time for a few moments, to advert to some of the circumstances connected with its early career: it is with the hope that *past* success may excite to increased exertion, and that a review of what has been already accomplished, may induce us to take the greater heed, that the vantage ground the Institute has gained may never be lost through supineness or indifference on the part of its members.