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### THE OLD AND THE NEW GYNECOLOGY.\*

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When I received the cordial invitation from your Secretary to address you for a few minutes on a theme which may seem to be somewhat hackneyed, I hesitated long before accepting the honor; first, because of my aversion to public speaking, and secondly, because I could not seem to hit upon a topic of general interest. Finally, I concluded that, since I had been engaged in special work for just twenty-five years, under conditions that favored a thorough acquaintance with the many changes which have occurred in obstetrics and gynecology during that period, you would pardon me if I ventured to gather up the tangled threads of my personal experience and give them to you for what they may be worth. Such a paper must necessarily be of a rambling character, because the field is too vast to cover in one, or in several, evenings.

I cannot help contrasting the present relations of my fellow-countrymen with our brothers "across the border" with those which existed a quarter of a century ago. Then we were strangers, distant and reserved; now we are indeed colleagues and *friends*. Our hearts are still filled with the same grief which saddens yours. We wept with you over the grave of the "Peacemaker," that kind and gentle spirit, a true democrat, but "every inch a king," who did so much to remove ancient prejudices and to make us all feel

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