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ADDRESS IN SURGERY.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,—The honor of being chosen to deliver the address in Surgery, at the meeting of this Association is one I had not expected. After looking over the names of the distinguished gentlemen who have filled this honorable position, I feel any words of mine quite inadequate to express my gratitude to you, and it is with mingled feelings of pleasure and anxiety that I attempt to speak of the advances which surgery has made during the last few years. Not having had the extensive clinical experience of many of the gentlemen who have addressed you in the last few years, I shall only attempt to draw your attention to some of the most important work which has been done in different countries.

In surgery, especially, has the English-speaking people contributed more than their share of good work, and America, particularly, should be proud to be favored by the visits of distinguished surgeons from abroad.

Great advances have been made in the surgical treatment of diseases, yet in many instances our hopes have not been realized. Thus, when the tetanus bacillus was isolated and a serum prepared, it was thought a treatment had been found that would ward off the usual fatal termination of this disease. This has now been found to be erroneous, and, in fact, the use of anti-tetanic serum has almost been abandoned in the treatment of

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