

be greatly touched by this demonstration of friendship, returned his hearty thanks and favoured the company with some reminiscences of his medical career. Proceeding, he said :

“In no profession at the present day have greater advances been made than on the lines of surgery and of medicine. At the commencement of the nineteenth century the investigations of Jenner with reference to vaccination for the prevention of smallpox were being vigorously prosecuted. Since that day, notwithstanding the great opposition to this extremely important principle, it is now generally recognized that vaccination is the only safe means that can possibly be adopted to abolish finally the spread of this loathsome disease of smallpox. At that time, and for years afterwards, the study of anatomy was very much interrupted owing to the want of material. Physiology was then in its infancy, and pathology was very largely a matter of speculation. Chemistry was in stages of possible investigation, and chemical medicine rose up almost in advance of any other department of medicine by the careful scientific investigation of Lennec, of Paris, who so advanced the theory of disease connected with lung tissue that he established a name and reputation recognized throughout the scientific world. In those days peritonitis was a common disease, and almost universally fatal. A major operation was considered the equivalent almost of a death warrant. Two great lights in London, Bright and Addison, scientific workers in connection with Guy’s Hospital, brought to light knowledge concerning the kidneys and kidney disease of a most remarkable character. Bright’s disease was then defined, and dropsy, the result of it, explained clearly and scientifically, and Addison pointed out also the cause of bronzing of the skin. So these two scientific men, in connection with the hospital, accomplished an advance in the profession of the most remarkable character.

Surgery was advanced by Syme and Chopart, who, by their careful investigations, threw so much light on the whol