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Mr. President and Members of the Nova Scotia Medical Society :—

My first duty is to thank you for the great honour—for so I esteem it—extended to me in inviting me to read before you at this Annual Meeting, the address in Surgery.

My second duty is most painful; would that a readier pen could undertake the task. My invitation came from your then Secretary, the late Dr. Muir, a dear friend to, not only the speaker, but to every medical man in our great Dominion, and to everything good and noble in our profession; a man with a great heart, who for years wielded a tremendous influence in the Maritime Provinces and throughout Canada, in fact, wherever he was known. I venture to say that not only in your local associations but at the meetings of the Canada Medical Association, no face was more welcome, no member more warmly received, from Charlottetown to Banff, than the late Dr. Muir of Truro. Brim full of strength and good fellowship, he always stood for what was honourable and just. But alas, he is gone all too soon. May his influence long live after him!

My third duty is indeed a difficult one. I take it that the reader of an address in Surgery at an annual meeting, should not take the opportunity of reading a paper, but that he should, as far as possible, give a resumé of the work done during the year and perhaps give a forecast of the most promising lines for fruitful labour in the years to come.