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LECTURE BY DR. GEORGE ROSS BEFORE THE FACULTY ON
THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

GENTLEMEN,—The introductory lecturer of Westminster Hospital last year very truthfully remarked that he was sure both speaker and students would much prefer a day's shooting to either giving or hearing an introductory lecture. This year the lot has unfortunately fallen upon me to perform that duty, and I cannot say that I have accepted the honor with feelings of unmixed gratitude, but must endeavour to accomplish the task as best I may. To those of you who are here for the first time as students of this University it is my pleasant privilege to offer, on the part of this Faculty, a hearty welcome. To those who having been, are returning here once more, we beg to say that we are glad to see you all, and trust you come filled with the determination to continue the prosecution of your studies with renewed zeal and interest. We do not for a moment suppose that the long vacation since last session has been to you simply a continued rest or interlude from study. On the contrary, we would believe that much of it has been spent in furthering your enquiries, and extending your knowledge of the subjects entered upon during the earlier portion of your curriculum. Some of you, indeed, we know have devoted much of