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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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Fellows of the Clinical Society and Gentlemen—I am reminded by my present situation of the dictum that the main element in a man's success is a reasonably adequate apprehension of his own limitations, and reflection upon this topic confirms me in the opinion that I ought not to be here in the president's chair. However, the kindness and good will shown towards me by your action in electing me to this office last spring merits at least the courtesy of an acknowledgment of the high honor you have paid me, and an undertaking from me to do my best to justify your confidence and repay your kindness, by earnest efforts to make this year's meetings of the Society, at least as useful to the Fellows as they have been in past years, under the guiding hands of many who were my teachers in the Art and Science to which we have devoted ourselves.

Before these men I feel, without my being able to prevent it, the diffidence that in scholastic and professional circles should always temper the attitude of juniors to seniors. As I said on the occasion of my election, I feel that the Accolade of Medical Knighthood has been unexpectedly laid upon my shoulders, or as a lieutenant might feel if suddenly, without the eliminating action of the casualty list, made commanding officer of his unit.

If I may be allowed to outline briefly the probable course of events for the winter, I should begin by most heartily congratulating the Society upon the federation of the Medical Faculties of the two universities. This consummation of the long cherished wishes of so many of us, I think you will all agree, removes what has been in a sense an embargo upon our activities, even within the Society, as well as outside of it. It may be that our course of action upon certain occasions has been modified heretofore by this line of cleavage, and I may venture to make the forecast that without indecent haste or