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## INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

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[ABSTRACT OF]

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After having extended a hearty welcome both to those whose faces were already familiar and to those who were now seen for the first time, and having premised that the lecture would be chiefly addressed to new-comers, the Doctor spoke as follows:—

“ I have first, however, gentlemen, to allude to certain changes in the teaching body of this school. The words I use most imperfectly express our feelings when I say that as a Faculty we have sustained a grievous loss by the resignation of the Chair of Chemistry so long and worthily held by Prof. Craik, and as an old student, as well as sometime colleague, of Dr. Craik, I claim the right to add my word of tribute to his merit. To those of you who have come personally in contact with him, I need not speak of the magic effect of his cheery voice, genial manners, and kindness of heart. All of you who have listened to his lectures can bear witness to his wonderful mental grasp, and to his marvellous capacity for clear and forcible presentation of his subject.

“ The duties of the Chair of Chemistry will, during this session, be performed by Dr. Girdwood, and doubtless to your entire satisfaction.