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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN, — My object the other evening in volunteering to read this paper was not so much to parade any little success I may have had in my brief experience of Mr. Lister's most admirable system for the dressing of wounds, as it was to give me an opportunity of demonstrating the method to those members of our Society who may not have seen it put into practice. I may say that I have already had my failures, but fortunately I have always been able to trace their origin, so that to my mind, and as far as my experience goes, the method is yet faultless. When it is taken into consideration that I had for some time to work with assistants totally unacquainted with the minutæ of the method, and unable—as in the case of nurses—to appreciate the scientific basis on which the system is founded, the wonder is that my success has been so marked. I am happy to say, however, that I have now succeeded in impressing favourably a number of our colleagues, whose opinion I value, and in imparting not a little enthusiasm on behalf of the method to my assistants, markedly, my House Surgeon, and others with whom I am brought in daily contact.