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Owing to the custom which has prevailed of electing your President at the end of the Annual Meeting, this is the first opportunity that has been afforded of thanking you for the distinction which you were good enough to confer in electing me to fill this very important position. While fully appreciating the honor which you have done me, and for which I am most grateful, at the same time I am fully aware that it carries with it very serious responsibilities. On looking back over the long list of distinguished men who have preceded me, I realize that it is a difficult task to maintain the high traditions of this office. I need scarcely say that I have done my best to justify the confidence you have placed in me, and have been exceedingly fortunate in securing on the various committees the assistance of able and energetic men, who have devoted a great deal of time and consideration to the working out of the details connected with this meeting.

As you will see from the programme, we have very considerably altered the character of the meeting. Realizing the interest and value of clinical work, instead of having sessions devoted to the reading of papers, we have endeavored to make the meeting entirely a clinical one, and I trust that the result will justify the experiment.

In view of the fact that members from a distance could not conveniently bring cases to the meeting, and wishing to give them an opportunity of taking part in the proceedings, we have asked

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