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DEAN REEVE: Mr. Chancellor, President, Ladies and Gentlemen: By the courtesy of the President, who generally takes the chair on these occasions. I have the honor of introducing the lecturer of the evening. We have had the privilege of listening to distinguished strangers on occasions similar to this, year after year, not always from abroad, but we have generally—in fact I may say always—secured one who would both interest and instruct you, or those who happen to be present. As a rule our guests or visitors have been from England or Scotland. To-night we have the pleasure of listening to one who is a graduate of the famous old Trinity College, Dublin. (Applause.) How it has been accomplished I need not say, but as a matter of fact for one or two hundred years at least there has been a bright succession of men of genius and of eminence in Great Britain who have well sustained the balance against the brilliant and accomplished French savants and the erudite and profound Germans, and in this regard the Emerald Isle has played well her part. (Applause.) In regard to medicine proper I need only recall the names of Cullen and Stokes and Graves and Churchill and Collis and Tuffnill and others. You all know them, in fact their names are household words. Pasteur on one side of the Channel and Lister on the other, and it would seem that of late the mantle of one at least who has gone to his reward has fallen upon the

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