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Certainly it is excellent discipline for an author to feel that he must say all he has to say in the fewest possible words, or his reader is sure to skip them; and in the plainest possible words, or his reader will certainly misunderstand them. Generally, also, a downright fact may be told in a plain way; and we want downright facts at present more than anything else.—RUBIN.

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### SURGERY AND FACTS.\*

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ALLOW me to thank you for the very great honor you have done me by electing me to preside over this Association at its tenth annual meeting. To me the associations of these years have been among the most pleasant of my life. Kindly actions and words of encouragement have gone hand in hand with firm friendships. Many changes have occurred in our ranks as a consequence of death and resignation, but changes must occur in every association. We have been sorry to lose Fellows by resignation, and we mourn over those who have been removed by death. New life has been imparted to our ranks by the introduction of new material. I am sure that we all wish these younger Fellows every success as they struggle up the ladder of science, and we trust that they may climb higher than those who have gone before them, that they may achieve greater things than their predecessors. The young should be encouraged and guided by their seniors. All of us must have some pleasant reflections as we look back upon the action of some one of the older men in our profession. We may,

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\* President's Address, delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, at Niagara Falls, August 17th to 20th, 1897.