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IN selecting a subject of interest to physicians as well as to surgeons, to specialists as well as to general practitioners, none seemed more suitable than that of the relations between the different bodies of clinical workers. In dealing with this subject we have to consider the borderland which separates the fields of medicine, surgery, and the specialties. My address, therefore, concerns chiefly those whose work is practical rather than theoretical, at the bedside rather than in the laboratory. Not that I would leave out of consideration the laboratory, for there better than anywhere else can be tested the results of clinical work; but what I have to say deals chiefly with the selection of methods of treatment in groups of diseases; with the results of these different methods; and with such deductions as I have been able to draw from many years' experience, at the bedside and in the operating-room.

The progress of medicine and surgery since I entered the Harvard Medical School has been, of course, prodigious. I have been permitted to see for myself that wonderful advance of medicine and surgery which has made our profession brilliant

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