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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN.—Were I to attempt to enumerate all the advantages to be derived from the study of science, and more particularly from reading the writings of the men of the present day, it would occupy too much of my time, and I am sure it would only weary you. Moreover I am sure you know all the advantages just as well as I do, therefore my task is the easier, that I have to address myself to a body of such scientific men as is the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society. To make myself, however, the better understood, there are some results that I must particularly draw your attention to. The study of science enlarges a man's view of men and things, it destroys in him selfishness, and all fanaticism; it takes him, as it were, out of himself, so that he can deal with all questions in a broad and liberal spirit, it makes him also slow to form an opinion, or pronounce judgment till he has well examined the question before him from a metaphysical basis, and then he will only draw his conclusions from logical reasoning, founded upon experience.