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GENTLEMEN,—At our first meeting for the winter, it is my duty to offer a few remarks by way of introduction. I see these are given in the official programme the rather formidable name of presidential address. I hardly think what I shall now very briefly say deserves that high sounding title. In the first place, let me thank you very much indeed for the honor you have conferred on me by electing me to this office. I think I value it more because I in no way sought for it; indeed if it be not an ungracious thing to say, I prefer to sit in the ranks as any ordinary fellow to holding any position in the gift of the Society. But since you have so kindly insisted on my being here, the best return I can make is to do all I can to make our meetings profitable and pleasant. To be successful in this I must ask and receive your generous forbearance and support, perhaps in larger measure than usual, for I well know I am not distinguished for many of those qualities that go far to make a successful presiding officer. If, then, each of us will do his share to carry out the objects of our Society, we will have no lack of interesting clinical reports, nor dearth of