

knowledge that falls wide of the matter in hand. I would therefore beg any fellow intending to present a case to kindly acquaint our Secretary as early as possible with the title to be selected for the paper or specimen, whatsoever it may be, in order that we may have the opportunity of looking over the literature of the subject, and of diving into the archives of our memories for any personal experience we may possess. By so doing the fellows taking part in the discussion can easily give the Society facts clearly and connectedly stated and not strung together in a desultory manner, as is frequently the case when called upon on the spur of the moment. Surely there are none of us but would greet discussion prepared in such a manner with delight, and I feel certain that time thus taken would in a few months yield a rich harvest and convince the Society of the value of such earnest work.

It may indeed be said that busy men, such as we all are, have no time to go in for minutiae. That depends upon the man. I have found our house staff at the General Hospital, and senior students ready and only too willing to make sections, preparations, urinalyses or other analyses, which work is in many instances of absolute necessity to the proper presentment of a case. The facilities for such minute observations are constantly being increased by science. Among the latest and most important of these stand the Roentgen rays, by whose aid, even in its present imperfect stage, the surgeon is in many cases changed from a blind man who gropes in unseen places with acute and sensitive but still uncertain touch, to one whose hand is guided by perfect sight. Of this marvellous discovery we can avail ourselves through the kindness of Dr. E. E. King, who has placed himself and his camera at the disposal of any member who wishes by this means to make a clinical report more perfect. These adjuncts are of the greatest possible value, in fact in many surgical cases are now indispensable, and the Society is indeed fortunate in possessing a member so skilled and accomplished in this intricate art. I am sure I voice the sentiment of the Society in the hope that Dr. King will give us, as frequently as possible, an exhibition of the advances that are being made so rapidly in this wonderful science.

I dare not attempt to give a resume of the briefest description of the work done in the medical world during the past year. Indeed, to give a list of the various books that have appeared on medicine, midwifery and surgery, to say nothing of the vast number of treatises on specialties, would take up a considerable part of this evening's time. Much of the paper covered with these compilations (called "original works") might have been used in a much worthier cause.