

## ADDRESS.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,

Members of the St. John Medical Society :

IN compliance with a resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Society, I proceed to attempt the fulfilment of a task which, for reasons which I need not enumerate, ought to have been imposed elsewhere. Indeed I can account for the peculiarity of your choice only on the ground that, from the nature of his duties, a Secretary may be supposed to possess particular advantages in forming an estimate of the condition, progress, and prospects of the body in which he holds office.

The intention of the resolution referred to, was, I presume, that a statement should be made of the principal events that have occurred in the Society during the past year, and that any suggestions which might arise from a consideration of its past and present position should be laid before you, with a view of furthering the objects for the accomplishment of which the Society has been organized. In connection with these points, therefore, I beg leave to submit the following Report:—

At the last Annual Meeting, the Society consisted of thirteen members ; since that time, the name of one member has been erased from the roll of the Society, and the names of three new members have been added. At the present time, therefore, the Society consists of fifteen members.

Several changes have been made during the past year in the Constitution and Bye Laws of the Society. Among others, the annual fee required of country members has been reduced to two dollars. Two additional offices also have been created, namely—those of Vice President and Corresponding Secretary.

Since the last annual meeting twenty-three regular meetings have been held. On two occasions the Society failed to be constituted for business, the number of members present not being sufficient to form a quorum.