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### ON THE PROGRESS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE DURING THE PAST HALF CENTURY.

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An Address delivered at the Fortieth Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, at Newport, R.I., June 27th, 1889.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen* :—I beg to return to you my sincere thanks for the invitation extended by a committee of this Association to be present at this meeting of the medical profession of the United States, and it is an additional source of gratification that I am asked to a seat on this platform. I am reminded of the fact that when the Marquis of Lorne was Governor of Canada, the Royal Society was invited to lunch at the Government House. When the health of the President of the United States was proposed, a sentiment which we Canadians fully appreciate, and which we are delighted to honor next to that of our glorious Queen Victoria, Mark Twain was asked to respond. He thanked His Excellency for the compliment, and was proud to be the recipient of the distinction, but regretted that being unprepared he was unable to respond. I feel very much in the same position on being called upon to speak to this large body before me. For fully twenty-five years I have been in the habit of attending the meetings of your Association at various points, and it is to me a source of pride and gratitude to be able to note the progress of that profession to which I have the honor to belong. This is an exceedingly important epoch in the history of our profession. You have just celebrated your