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Mr. Chairman, Members of the American Public Health Association, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It becomes my pleasing privilege, as your duly elected President for the year 1900, to express to you my deep sense of the honor conferred upon my country and myself, as her representative, through your generous act. To have been called upon to preside over the deliberations of a congress which is engaged in studying questions of vital interest to three nations and to ninety millions of people has, indeed, served to impress me not more with the magnitude of the work we are engaged in than with the limitations of my powers to adequately fulfil the duties and responsibilities which the position involves. Allow me, therefore, ladies and gentlemen, to bespeak for myself your generous indulgence and kindly sympathy while performing the duties of your presiding officer, and for my excuse in those matters wherein I may fail. I must take refuge under that time-honored excuse expressed in the words of the old Latin poet:

Si possem, sanior essem,
Sed trahit invitam nova vis ; aliudque cupido
Mens aliud suadet : video meliora proboque
Deteriora sequor.

—OVID (M.), 7-18.

With the passing of more than a quarter of a century since the first annual meeting of this association many of its earlier members have ceased from their labors ; but it becomes my official duty to record the untimely deaths of several members who have passed away while still in the prime of life. I recall the names of