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THE CIRCULATION VIEWED FROM THE PERIPHERY.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,—In the first place I must thank you, and through you the whole British Medical Association for the high honor which has been conferred on me in my appointment to deliver this address. This is an honor and a privilege which happens to very few men, and that only once in a lifetime. I feel the dignity of the office and the obligations which it entails all the more deeply inasmuch as the invitation in the first place came from the members of the Association resident in this city. When the invitation was conveyed to me I rather hesitated to undertake a task which I felt I could only inadequately perform, but, on the other hand, I looked upon the request as a command, and it seemed to me that I could scarcely refuse to undertake a duty for which I had been selected by my Canadian brethren.

After accepting the task my difficulties began, and my first was in choosing a subject which would have a more or less general interest. The whole domain of medicine has been traversed by addresses, and it appeared as if there was no corner left for me. I could find nothing new under the sun, but there was still left to me the privilege of talking of the glories of the past, and what medicine has done for humanity. Again, I found that any attempt at a hackneyed survey of the advances of physics, say during the Victorian era, would

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