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### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.\*

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It has been said by a well-known scientific authority that bores must be classed among the enemies of the human race, and perhaps one of the most objectionable species of this large genus is the Presidential Address bore. One of the "privileges" of the President of this Association is to deliver the Annual Address; he is the victim of circumstances. I trust, however, that what I say will not prove altogether uninteresting—at any rate, if you are bored it will not be for long, for my address will have one thing to recommend it, that is, brevity.

First, let me welcome you all heartily to our city; I hope your visit will be of value to you, not only from a professional standpoint, but also from a social one. The great advantage of these meetings is not so much what one learns from the papers and discussions of the sections, but from that personal intercourse to which such occasions give opportunity—the interchange of thoughts and ideas, and the estimating of our fellow-members, not only as surgeons and physicians, but as men, who, like ourselves, are doing their best in this life in trying to solve the difficult problems which are continually confronting us all. At these

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