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THE REVIVAL OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY.*

Custom has placed upon the presidents of the Chemical Society the duty of delivering an annual address, and in pursuance of that duty I spoke to you last year upon the 'Revival of Inorganic Chemistry.'† I endeavored to show that this branch, so long overshadowed by organic chemistry, so long but little more than a collection of almost unconnected facts, subordinate to analytical and technical chemistry and to mineralogy, is gradually, and especially since the discovery of the Periodic Law, rising to the rank of an independent and important division of our science.

I have chosen for my present topic one which is complementary to the former, 'The Revival of Organic Chemistry.' I may perhaps appear to most of you almost facetious in speaking of the revival of a branch of chemistry which has been in rapid growth for so many decades, which never counted a greater number of adherents than to-day, and which, regarded from the systematic standpoint, is not only the most highly developed portion of chemistry, but also one of the most highly developed of all the sciences. Yet I believe that the use of the term revival is justifiable. I do not share the opinion which appears to be held by some inorganic and physical chem-

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