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ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE, SEPTEMBER 24, 1907

Gentlemen: We assemble to-day to inaugurate the seventy-seventh lecture session of the Albany Medical College. The need of any formal beginning has often been questioned, but the custom has been long established and there seems to be a certain propriety in maintaining old forms when they do not impede modern progress. To those here present who to-day begin, in a definite way, their medical study, this hour, which marks their entrance to a noble profession, is fraught with interest. It is for them a point of departure, and at such a time it may be that some, even of the seemingly insignificant things, said or done may make a lasting impress upon the mind, influence thought, or cast new light upon some problem which confronts them. In this hope I shall presently address myself particularly to these newcomers who eagerly, perhaps anxiously and very seriously, anticipate the experience which coming years have in store, but first of all it is proper that, as a representative of the faculty, I should extend to you all a most cordial welcome. Those who are coming back again feel, we hope, at home in their surroundings, and need not to be assured that they are welcome, but to him who is as yet a stranger within our gates we ex-

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