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THE INFLUENCE OF BRAIN-POWER ON HIS-
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My first duty to-night is a sad one. I have to refer to a great loss which this Nation and this Association have sustained. By the death of the great Englishman and great statesman who has just passed away, we members of the British Association are deprived of one of the most illustrious of our confrères. We have to mourn the loss of an enthusiastic student of science who conferred honor on our body by becoming its President. We recognize that as Prime Minister he was mindful of the interests of science, and that to him we owe a more general recognition on the part of the State of the value to the nation of the work of scientific men. On all these grounds you will join in the expression of respectful sympathy with Lord Salisbury's family in their great personal loss which your council has embodied this morning in a resolution of condolence.

Last year, when this friend of science ceased to be Prime Minister, he was succeeded by another statesman who also has given many proofs of his devotion to philosophical studies, and has shown in many utterances that he has a clear understanding of the real place of science in modern civilization. We then have good grounds

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