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The President, Dr. Edward G. Martin, started the meeting with the following remarks: As President of the American Proctologic Society; in behalf of the Detroit members and men who are allied with us in Proctology, and in the name of the Wayne County Medical Society I would like to offer my most sincere and cordial welcome to you.

We have made an attempt to have an interesting program this year. We have had some very fine co-operation. I hope that you all will have a mighty good time here and I hope the meeting will be pleasant and profitable.

Our exhibitors have been very kind in co-operating with us. Those having books on proctology and allied subjects have been willing and anxious to loan us their publications for exhibit. The Hanes table will be on exhibit. The Buie table is also in the exhibit room for your inspection. You will be shown a film which is perhaps one of the most outstanding films of stomach and intestinal peristalsis. There are many interesting and modern proctologic instruments on exhibition. In the scientific exhibit we are particularly indebted to Dr. Charles E. Pope of the Mayo Clinic and he will explain his work on the circulation of the sigmoid and rectum. We have specimens of carcinoma of the sigmoid. There are several from Harper Hospital, and the Ford Hospital has placed a very adequate exhibit of mounted specimens.

Dr. Thorlakson and Dr. Bastedo are the two guest speakers and I know you will enjoy hearing them. Dr. Thorlakson although a general surgeon, has done some work on Proctology and any one who has anything to contribute on colitis deserves a hearing. I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Thorlakson for coming from Winnipeg to present a paper before us. I know you will enjoy hearing Dr. Bastedo speak before the combined meeting of the Wayne County Society and our own organization.

I particularly want to thank Dr. Louis A. Buie for his very able editing of the Transactions. It is quite a task to get the Transactions edited in such shape as to be presentable to the general public and worthy of coming from this Society. I also want to express my appreciation and thanks to the various men who have helped to ease the little load that I have tried to carry during the year. Being one of the hosts here in Detroit I did not feel that I could speak as strongly about some subjects as I would like. I am very proud of the American Proctologic Society, as I am sure you all are, and we want to continue to make it an organization that we can be proud of. We do not want to be single track men. We want to be able to meet a situation as it presents itself, therefore I would urge your serious thought and interest along the whole line of general medicine as well as Proctology. I would urge co-operation between the members and all others who are interested in Proctology. We want good men as Fellows of the Society and according to our recent change we can also add good men who do not expect to be Fellows but who are interested in Proctology and may be elected as Associate Members. Then, too, we have the other type of member who may become an associate and expect later to be elected a Fellow of the Society. I am sure that this organization can very well carry the title of Fellow of the American Proctologic Society with dignity. We hope it will be increasingly an honor to be known as a Fellow of the American Proctologic Society. I would like to have you consider whether it would be desirable to use so comprehensive a degree as Fellow of the American Proctologic Society.

I regret to inform you that Dr. Hanes is not present to read his Memorial Address, on Dr. Joseph M. Mathews but it will appear in the Transactions. We have one of our very old members here and I think we should not pass without having Dr. Evans say something.

GEORGE B. EVANS, M. D.

DAYTON, OHIO:

If there is one man in this country that has a great admiration for the beloved Joseph M. Mathews it is myself. I met Doctor Mathews in 1891 in New York when he was the guest of Charles B. Kelsey, my preceptor. You all know that Mathews was a forceful speaker. I think the tilt between Charles B. Kelsey and Mathews that afternoon was one of the most brilliant pieces of English that I ever listened to. Socially Mathews was a master. He loved the American Proctologic Society as he loved his own life. In his home he met his friends with open arms. In the Proctologic Society, whether it met in the East or West, he always had a glad hand to receive you. I shall never forget him.

When this Society was organized in Columbus, Ohio, in 1899 it was a question as to who should constitute the Charter Members. I saw notes in the daily papers or medical magazines that this Society was to be organized. I immediately wrote the Secretary and he gave me a very cordial invitation to be present but he failed to tell me that in order to become a Charter Member it was necessary to prepare a paper. Mathews stood by me and it was through Mathews and Tuttle that I was taken into the fold and made one of the Charter Members. I was number thirteen, which has always been a lucky number for me. Now gentlemen, a man of my age does not forget those things. Mathews said I might send in a paper within a month. It was there within two weeks.

The last time I met Mathews was in San Francisco and he was the same dear old man that he always was. We had a