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## ON SOME POINTS OF IMPORTANCE TO ANATOMISTS<sup>1</sup>

It has been said that the president of a scientific association should not burden its meeting with an address in case the communications to be made to it are numerous and of value. If this be true it seems to me that we have reached a stage at which silence on my part would be appropriate, but I can not resist the temptation to exercise my right to speak, for a few minutes only, regarding some points which I consider to be of vital importance to our profession and to this association.

I think we have safely passed the pioneer stage in the development of scientific professions in America and it is unnecessary now to formulate the forces which have brought this change about, for they are known to us all. However, during the development of a science, it is well for the workers in it to meet from time to time to pass judgment upon the recent progress that has been made. Their approval, given on such an occasion to an investigator, is a most encouraging stimulus and election by his colleagues to the presidency of such a meeting is the highest honor a scientist can receive. I accept with gratitude this elevated post to which you have appointed me and regard it not as approbation of myself, but rather as a mark of appreciation of the co-workers, whom I have had the good fortune to have associated with

<sup>1</sup>Remarks by the president at the twenty-first meeting of the Association of American Anatomists, New York, December 27, 1906.

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