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## ERRATA.

- Page 65, eighth line from the top, insert "Dr." before "Dayton."
- Page 65, eighteenth line from the top, for "calbis," read "calcis."
- Page 73, sixth line from the bottom, for "a dynamic," read "adynamic."
- Page 105, nineteenth line from the bottom, for "Meadows," read "Meadows."
- Page 114, fifteenth line from the top, for "dilation," read "dilatation."
- Page 115, eleventh line from the bottom, for "Now," read "How."
- Page 115, last line, for "known," read "shown."
- Page 133. The remarks on this page attributed to Dr. Sutton, by a mistake of the reporter, should have been credited to Dr. Mears, after the special reading of Dr. Sutton's first case.

## ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

L. D. WATERMAN, M. D., INDIANAPOLIS.

One of the objects of this Society is the promotion of all measures "to improve the health and protect the lives of community." In furtherance of this purpose this Society has heard addresses, passed resolutions, and appointed committees with reference to a State Board of Health for several years. Not much has yet apparently been accomplished by these means beyond arousing a gradually increasing interest in the subject of State Preventive Medicine.

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