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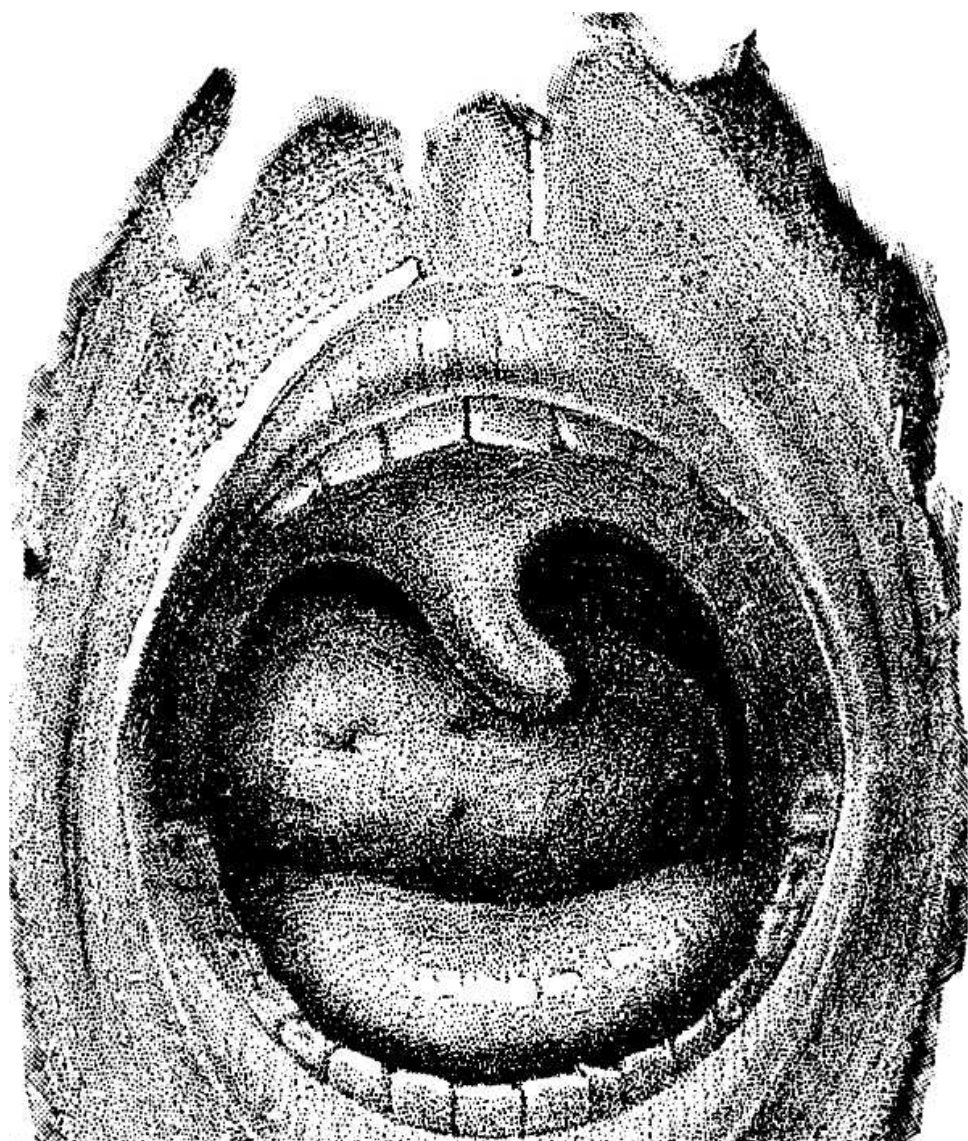
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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

By ETHELBERG CARROLL MORGAN, A. B., M. D.

*Fellows of the American Laryngological Association :*

THE eleventh annual session of this organization is inaugurated, and I experience profound pleasure, as your president and as a citizen of Washington, in bidding you cordial welcome to the national capital, to our hearts, and to our homes. Few among you can appreciate my joy to-day at being spared to greet this association in my native city, and, more than all, to have the honor on this occasion of acting as your presiding officer.

You find our historic city decked in the robes of spring; on all sides the industry, learning, and generous wealth of a great nation are reflected. You are surrounded by the beauties of nature and art, and are in the home of the scientific libraries, laboratories, and museums, fostered and encouraged by a liberal Government. Every American and every physician should alike share in the desire for the substantial improvement and adornment of the Mecca of this great and populous country.

Wisely you decided to follow in the wake of the numerous scientific bodies, among them the National Academy of Sciences, that make pilgrimages to our city and exert a healthy influence toward popularizing their special fields of scientific investigation.

The history of laryngology, her struggles and her conquests, in the capital of your country is brief, and embraces a period of scarce fifteen years; hence your meetings here will create a happy influence.

When you visited our city last September you constituted an important and honored branch of a congress which did much to spread the fame of American medicine and advance the cause of scientific research. Your work in that congress is attested by the volume of our "Transactions" now in press, and forms an enduring monument, creditable alike to the American Laryngological Association and to the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons.

The noble work in which this association has been absorbed during its eleven years of existence has resulted in placing laryngology upon a substantial basis, and of demonstrating its truths and benefits alike to the profession and to suffering humanity.

The outlook for laryngology was never brighter, new conquests lie within our grasp, the field is unlimited, no pessimist can flourish in our ranks, the honor of fellowship in this association was never more coveted, our influence upon medical thought in the Old World was never greater, and the wisdom of the coterie of laryngologists who organized the American Laryngological Association at Buffalo in June, 1878, is apparent.

The harmonious and business spirit which has always characterized our meetings is traceable to the unselfish and untiring zeal of our secretary, Dr. Delavan, whose sole thought is the welfare of the association and the best interests of its members as individuals.

Reviewing the history of the association, I find that a kind Providence has left our band of co-workers intact, and there are, happily, no deaths to chronicle.

A valuable and superbly illustrated volume, containing the transactions of our tenth meeting, will be printed in eight months after the reading of the papers, but has entailed much labor upon our faithful and ever-willing secretary. The expense attending the printing of these transactions was increased owing to the fact that the "New York Medical Journal" could not accept the contract on account of the lateness of our meeting. This volume has a table of contents of all papers read to the association since its organization, and this alone would justify the additional expense. We expect to derive a revenue from the sale of these volumes, and to be able to consummate an advantageous contract for their future publication.

An important amendment to our Constitution, increasing the