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I have heard that in 1880 at the meeting of the American Medical Association, the President of the association in his inaugural address stated that so much had been discovered during the preceding ten years in medicine that if the next fifty years were devoted to studying and applying the results of the new discoveries of the preceding ten years, that medical science should be well satisfied.

In 1890 at the meeting of the American Medical Association the President of the association in his inaugural address quoted these words of his predecessor of 1880 and then pointed out that during the ten years that had passed since those words had been spoken, more had been discovered in medicine than had been known altogether in 1880.

This gives us an idea of the tremendous advance that has been made in various sciences in recent years.

Striking as the advance is, it is no more remarkable than that which has been made in the field of ancient history.

One hundred years ago, all that was known of ancient history went back to the point of about 500 B.C. We had the records of the Greek *City* States from about that time, giving us the account of their constitution and life and their *relations* one with another. As to what came before that time, we had a few references in Greek writings and some *myths* ~~matters~~ which were paid little attention as far as historical value was concerned. Outside the Old Testament we had practically nothing of any historical value running back of 500 B.C., one hundred years ago.

During this century, a tremendous change has taken place in this regard. Historical knowledge today runs back at least twice as far as it did one hundred years ago and for many facts of the period before 500 B.C., we have a more full and detailed knowledge