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Preface

My grateful thanks are offered to the Medical and Science Faculties of the University of Liverpool for the honour conferred by their appointment of me as Sherrington Lecturer. Their kind invitation arrived when I was in the midst of writing a book on *The Basis of Motor Control,* now published by the Academic Press.

The Sherrington Lectures have given me a much-appreciated opportunity of expanding Chapter VI of that book and presenting it in a manner suitable for the medical curriculum.

The emphasis is on the biological adaptations by which the motoneuron has responded to the challenge of serving as main executive for all commands leading to motor action, phasic or tonic, as the case may be.

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