

I have watched the growth and development of this association with the deepest interest. I had the privilege and pleasure of being present at its first meeting, held in Quebec in 1867. Has it received the support from the various parts of the Dominion to which it is entitled? I do not know that I can say, unreservedly, yes; but I certainly can say that it has ever and always received the most loyal and cordial support of the profession of Montreal. I have no hesitation in telling the honorable and zealous body of physicians and surgeons of this city that our members from the East and from the West, from the Atlantic and the Pacific, highly appreciate the work you have done in the interests of our national medical society, and I think that I may take the liberty of offering you the congratulations of the medical profession from the various provinces of our great Dominion on the honor that has been conferred on Montreal by the unanimous decision of the council of the British Medical Association to hold its next annual meeting in your fair and prosperous city. I also have much pleasure in tendering our congratulations to your distinguished townsman, Dr. Thomas G. Rodick, the president-elect.

Many subjects of a scientific nature in the various department of medicine will be brought before you, and I know that they will receive your most careful consideration, and I ask you one and all to put forth the most strenuous efforts to make this meeting a pronounced success.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to express the hope that the Canadian Medical Association will continue to extend its usefulness and maintain its high reputation; and, in addition, that we may ere long have a common standard of medical education in Canada, with reciprocity between our different provinces, and also reciprocity between our Dominion and the mother country.