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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I feel that my first duty to-night is to offer you my very hearty thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me President of the Association for the ensuing year.

When I recall the names of those who have preceded me in this chair, I can only ask your indulgence for the deficiencies you may find in me, of which I am very conscious, and express the hope that under my presidency the interests of the Association may in no wise suffer nor its honor be in any way tarnished.

The present occasion is no ordinary one. In the appointment of a President from among the members of the Association whose home and work lie in this far distant portion of the Dominion, and in our meeting here to-day at the Doorway of the West, a new departure has been made.

I am far too modest to suppose for an instant that any particular merit of mine has induced the Association to make this departure; rather I conceive it to be due to a general recognition of the claims and standing of the western members as a whole, and of the growing importance of this fair Western Province.

I should be performing my duties but poorly did I not seize this opportunity to thank you on behalf of my western confreres, and on behalf of the people of this Province in general, and of this city in particular, for the compliment you have paid us in

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