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Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Canadian Medical Association :—

My first duty, as it is a pleasure, is to express my high appreciation of the compliment paid me by yourself Sir and your Committee, in inviting me to read the Address in Medicine before our National Association, an Association which exercises the hegemony among all the Medical Societies of the country, as the country does among the Colonies of the Empire. Permit me to suggest in passing that in my opinion our Association has borne no insignificant part, and will bear yet a much greater part, in the forging more closely of the chains that bind into one the once disunited portions of the Canadian unit in Britain's congeries of nations. For you notice that I refer to it as a National Association. I think, too, that I may safely prophesy, though neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, that we shall from this date gain greatly as an Association by the rising tide of national sentiment, a tide which has risen, I rejoice to say, only more slowly than that greater, more beneficent tide, like the tide of our Mother Land's own universal Ocean, the tide of Imperial sentiment and of quickened love for the Greater Britain, the wide world over, of which we as a nation form only a part—indeed I need only point to the unprecedented success of the present meeting as a proof of the upgrowth of the sentiment of Canadian solidarity, for without that sentiment even the skilful and energetic management of the Committees of the Association would have been much less fruitful of results—but I must ask your pardon for a digression so far removed from the subject of my paper, and come back to the sober fact that I have undertaken a task which I feel is too much for me. I can pretend to no very special knowledge of the subject beyond that which careful reading and conscientious clinical observation can produce, and cast myself upon your indulgence with the request that the discussion to follow may be free, and with the hope it may be helpful both to myself and to us all. The selection of a subject was difficult, and I was influenced in my choice mainly by the fact that it is at this time the one specially prominent in practice. I can assure you that I feel my own limitations, and that, as may seem right and proper in the