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Gentlemen,—My first duty and desire is to thank the Association for the great honour done me in appointing me to preside on this occasion. The honour is all the greater in having been conferred during my absence at the Toronto meeting last year, although it would have pleased me better had one of the older members of the Association been chosen to fill the presidential chair. I find, however, that I am rapidly reaching that stage when the term "old member" may be truthfully applied to me, because I remember well that as a student in my final year in medicine I attended the first meeting of this Association, which was held in this city in 1867, and assisted one of the secretaries in recording the proceedings. Nor can I be accused of displaying a lack of interest in the affairs of the Association, having missed comparatively few of the meetings held in the past twenty-three years.

It is not my intention on this occasion to address you in an exhaustive manner on any particular subject in medicine, because that is not the function of a president. I wish simply to give expression to a few thoughts which have occurred to me as the time approached for delivering this address.

It is a great cause for regret to the promoters and old friends