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CIATION OF CANADA.

Gentlemen:—

Let me welcome you to the capital, where I feel confident you have come from the Pacific to the Atlantic, as well as the great neighbouring Republic, to give a helping hand in the noble work of relieving suffering humanity and staying the spread of consumption, a disease so serious in its nature, and so sadly fatal, as to attract the attention of the civilized world. In all great undertakings, time is an important factor, and of such, we have ample proof, in the history of the first year, in which the society was formed under the patronage of His Excellency Lord Minto. Frequent committee meetings have been held, and through the liberal contribution of Mr. Clergue and the generosity of Hon. Mr. Fisher a considerable amount of selected literature, relative to tuberculosis, has been published, in many of the leading papers, having a wide circulation in the Dominion. Several hundred copies of Dr. Kopf's able essay on tuberculosis were circulated among the various Boards of Health of the Dominion, an evidence of our efforts to keep pace with the times.

The influence of the Church, Protestant and Catholic alike, in Canada, was sought by public addresses on the subject of tuberculosis. The University of Ottawa in 1901; the Presbyterian Assembly in July, '01, and the Methodist Conference, Pembroke, numbering many hundreds of the leading minds of the day, endorsed the action of this Association, and tendered their hearty co-operation in forwarding the work, in their respective spheres of duty. In February last, an address was delivered in Victoria University, Toronto, calling attention to the correlation of