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Gentlemen of the Canadian Medical Association :

When you did me the signal honour to elect me to the Presidential chair of this Association I naturally felt a sense of buoyancy and elation in my unexpected and newly found distinction, but as time wore on, the sense of elevation began to diminish until the date of the meeting came within measurable distance, when I gradually became but the shadow of my former self and have just escaped, I think, a total eclipse. If you know of any of our members particularly aspiring and thought to be suffering from that peculiar and subtle form of enlargement of the cranium commonly known as "swelled head," just elect him President of this Association for one year, and if he is not rapidly and permanently cured, my capabilities as a prognosticator must be weak indeed.

So far as I am concerned I found myself groping aimlessly about and trusting that a miraculous light would penetrate the convolutions of my fast waning mental faculties, and enable me to startle you with something novel and refreshing in the way of an address, but instead of this, gentlemen, you will, I fear, have to exercise a merciful forbearance for a very limited period of time while I endeavour to touch on one or two matters that appear to me to be of general interest to us as a profession in these days through which we are passing.

It is well nigh a hopeless task, gentlemen, to even begin to thank you