

integrity, and preserves all the rights and privileges to which they have heretofore been entitled.

“The autonomy of the provinces in the matter of medical education is not to be interfered with.

“If this movement can be conducted to a successful issue it will increase materially the sphere of action and field for practice of the Canadian licentiate; place him in a more commanding and satisfactory position, and open up to him the possibility of obtaining professional appointments in the civil and military services of the Empire.

“Gentlemen,—As a Canadian and as a lover of my country it has afforded me great and unmixed pleasure to see members of the two great races in whose hands rest the destinies of Quebec meeting together on an occasion of this kind in friendly and sociable intercourse.

“It is a striking and soul-comforting evidence of the respect, esteem and good feeling which these races entertain for each other, and which every patriotic Canadian ought, to the best of his ability, to endeavour to perpetuate.

“Let us, gentlemen, cultivate in ourselves and take every favourable opportunity to kindle in others a spirit of patriotism. Canada is a country of which her sons may well be proud. A not-unimportant part of the greatest and most liberal Empire of the world, with self-government secured to her and with no old-world class distinctions among her people, she is at present the freest, happiest and most desirable place on the surface of the globe in which to dwell. And if that government be considered the nearest to perfection which confers the greatest personal freedom on the individual consistent with perfect security to life and property then have we in Canada a government as near perfection as any government in the world.”

Sir William Hingston replied as follows :—

“Gentlemen,—I have had many marks of sympathy and kindness from various sources. I had a marked evidence of your kindness a few years ago, when Her Gracious Majesty honoured the members of the Medical Profession in Canada