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GENTLEMEN;—The important duty now devolves upon me, at the present annual meeting of our Association, to offer a few observations on some points of interest which have come to the surface during the past year, and chiefly through the untiring exertions of the recognized workers in our noble profession. However, before doing so, I must thank in an especial manner the members of this division for my election to so important an office as the one I now have the honor to occupy. During the five years which have passed, many valuable papers have been contributed by the members of the Association, giving evidence of earnest thought in working out many of the interesting problems developed by disease in the human system. Some of these contributions have already appeared in our medical journals, and others yet unpublished will, I trust, in time follow. Practical data, the outcome of patient and painstaking observation are always of service, and thus are the members of our profession enabled to sum up the result of their efforts in staying the progress of disease, and at the same time giving tangible form and expression to those various manifestations which constantly crop up during the discharge of the onerous duties of a professional life. From our midst within the past few months, an honorable and painstaking member of our profession has passed away. In the performance of his duties at Pembroke, the lamented Dr. Desloges made many warm friends, and the record achieved was alike creditable to the French nationality and to the medical profession. In

thus paying a tribute of respect to one of our worthy fellow-laborers, I feel satisfied it is but the expression of an opinion fully endorsed by this entire Association. The first duty which devolves upon me on the present occasion, is to congratulate the Society on the increase of its members and its visible additional vitality. Many have come here to-day at considerable inconvenience, but our profession is one of well-known self-sacrifice, and it is by your recognized energy and determination in the pursuit of science, that you have thus far been enabled to make our Rideau and Bathurst Society quite an institution in the land. There are, it is true, strange opinions existing as to the medical profession in Canada, with many in the mother country, who should certainly know more as to the existing progress of medical matters in this country. Do we not receive our information from the same fountains of scientific medical truth? Have we not the same literature? Are not many of our professors and general practitioners educated in the best schools of London, Edinburgh, Dublin and Paris? and up to the present our apparent provincialism has enabled our young Canadian medical students to carry off some of the highest honors of the "Parent State." A few weeks ago, Dr. Clarke, of London, delivered here an admirable address on the subject of Phthisis, and in conclusion expressed himself surprised at the status of our profession in Canada. There is an elevated and educated tone in our ranks, and our earnest desire is, while forming but a Provincial link in the world-wide professional chain, to so conduct ourselves as to uphold the honor and dignity of a profession which guards *the lives of the land*, and in the discharge of that responsibility, occupies a worthy and honorable position of recognized primary importance. During the progress of scientific investigation within the past year, many new points of interest have appeared, which have doubtless, already, received your attention. At present I shall briefly advert to a few of the most note worthy, in order to elicit the result of your own experience, for it is thus that intellectual friction develops new lines of thought and brings out new ideas, which when carried to the bedside are found to be of practical utility. Thus each meeting adds to our store of knowledge, and sends us to our respective spheres of opera-