

## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHÆOLOGY.<sup>1</sup>

It says a great deal for our devotion to the cause that we arrange to meet together at this time of the year so far away from our homes. Certainly we Canadians have made quite a journey in order to be present with you to-night. The Archæological Institute has in fact annexed the Dominion, and we come here as your willing slaves, captive and in chains. Considering how difficult it is nowadays to get into the United States at all, this wholesale feat is worthy of record. On the cars they have a way of trying to get a head-tax of four dollars out of you, unless you can say that you are an American citizen. And they ask other questions. You know how the Bishop of London was asked if he had ever been in jail, and how quickly came the brief retort, "Not yet"! Next time I am called to give an account of myself, I shall say I am a Vice-President of the Archæological Institute, and if that is not enough for any official he will indeed be hard to please!

My colleagues from Canada can join me in reporting that the movement in which you and we are interested is going forward with much success. While we have seen fit to ask you to let us exercise a certain degree of "Home Rule" for what is known as the Department of Canada, and while we have retained the right to affiliate with any British society professing similar aims, we have never regretted the action we took a few years ago at Toronto in casting in our lot with you. There is no need to enlarge at this time of day on the advantages of overleaping in such matters all international boundaries, or on the catholic spirit which we must all unite to cherish if we are to realize to the full extent and value

<sup>1</sup> Annual Meeting of the Institute, Baltimore, 30 December, 1909.