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AN ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
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GENTLEMEN :—When I removed last year to another part of the great field in which, without distinction of race or country, we are all laborers, it seemed good to you, fellow-workers, in the kindness of your hearts, to nominate me President of the Association. If in the tumult of thoughts which come tumbling unbidden into a man's mind, the idea of such an honor ever came, truly it was as a speck in the horizon of my ambition towards which, as years rolled on, I might travel ; but it has been ordered otherwise, and as exceptional circumstances have placed me in an exceptional position, I can but crave your indulgence in the exercise of an office for which I feel that I lack certain important qualifications.

Let me, in the first place, give expression to the general regret that the Association has not been able to carry out its programme and meet in Winnipeg as had been arranged, but with Mars in the ascendant, and Big Bear and Poundmaker on the warpath, our brethren of the prairie city thought it would be better—perhaps safer—to postpone the meeting in the North-West unto a more convenient season, when grim-visaged war shall have