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Last year when I was informed that I was the president elect of this, the largest and most influential Medical Association in the Dominion of Canada, I felt that an honour came to me that should more properly have gone to someone more capable than I am, to preside over this noble assemblage, with the ability and dignity that the occasion demands. I was content as a worker with my professional brethren to continue my efforts to make these, our annual meetings, both interesting and instructive. I keenly feel that I owe this honour to your very great kindness to me, rather than to any fitness in me to fill the position, or to any claims I had upon the Association. I know too, if I fail to acquit myself in the perfect way that my predecessors have done I shall receive from you a full measure of sympathy. When I look at the roll of the distinguished men who have preceded me in this chair it makes me feel all the more that your choice on this occasion might have been more fortunately made. I need scarcely say that I appreciate your kindness and I am very grateful for the distinguished honour you have conferred upon me.

I am fully confident that this meeting will be a successful one. I have been enabled with the generous assistance of our energetic Secretary to surround myself with earnest, clear-headed men on the various committees, that really do the work which commands success. To them we owe much. They have been untiring in their efforts and when you look at the comprehensive programme which maps out the work of the meeting you will understand they have had no sinecure. If we can make time to carry out the work represented in the programme I am quite sure the meeting will be most interesting and instructive, and I venture to hope, one of the most successful in the history of the Association.

Before I go further I wish to extend to our guests the right hand of cordiality and to say to them that I do not know aright the members of the profession resident in Toronto if by any chance they fail in being made to feel wholly at home. We invite them to take part in our discussions, giving us the light of their experience.