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*The Hon. The Chancellor of the University, Mr. President, Ladies and  
Gentlemen:—*

The first duty that devolves upon me to-night, is that of offering you a hearty welcome on behalf of the Medical Faculty of the University, to the inaugural lecture of this, the fourteenth session, since the restoration of the faculty to its former position in that body; a restoration which has proved, I believe, to have been wise and advantageous to both mother and child. Were proof of this fact wanting, one might point to the advances which have been made in the methods of teaching the various branches of medicine since the re-establishment of that faculty; of the increased number of students in attendance, of the largely increased number of teachers; and last, but not least, of the high standard of medical knowledge required by the university of its medical undergraduates before they are permitted to bear the coveted blue silk and ermine hood, the insignia of the Bachelor in Medicine of the University of Toronto.

In accepting the honor conferred upon me by my colleagues and the University Council, in inviting me to deliver this lecture, an honor I confess I had some diffidence in accepting, I have experienced some difficulty in choosing my text. It is not an easy matter, at any time, to combine the academic with