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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT, DR. J. M. BEAUSOLEIL, 31ST
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GENTLEMEN,—It is now almost thirty-one years since our Association sprang into existence in this hospitable and picturesque city of Quebec. Professional brotherhood then received recognition in all quarters of this country. The Canadian medical family was then formed. Now it may march onward to the accomplishment of the object for which it was given life : The promotion of science ; the protection of professional interests. A distinguished man, one of the Fathers of Confederation, Dr. Tupper—Sir Charles Tupper—was our first President. Since that time, a great number of distinguished physicians have succeeded him in this chair. Indeed, I am greatly confused and moved, though profoundly grateful, when I consider the honor done me by calling me to preside at your meetings. There could have been no question of personal merit ; your kindness, gentlemen, directed your choice. I am an admirer and sincere friend of my predecessors, and I desire to follow in their footsteps. I ask you, therefore, to allow me, for a few moments, to dwell upon that part of our programme which touches upon Unity in the Canadian Medical Profession. Gentlemen, if there is a profession that requires liberty of practice in any country, it is certainly the profession of the physician. French civil law not being recognized in all the Provinces of the Dominion, it is easy to understand why a lawyer from Quebec may not