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### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.\*

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By JOHN W. COVENTRY,  
WINDSOR.

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IN meeting you to-day I am brought face to face with a difficulty which all men must feel when they occupy an office by courtesy and not by merit.

Were it not for the twice honored custom of presenting an address I would content myself with bidding you welcome, and wishing you Godspeed.

At a national gathering of this kind you have a right to expect at my hands a resume of the scientific discoveries of this year in all the branches of the profession, and perhaps a brief forecast of the advantages which these inventions and conceptions confer on mankind. Unfortunately my limited opportunities to speak from actual knowledge of these things, bars me from discoursing with

\*Delivered at the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, Toronto, June, 1897.