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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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GENTLEMEN,—To utter words of kindly greeting is always a grateful task, and to-day it becomes my pleasant duty to welcome you to the twenty-second annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association. To all of you—to our guests, to old friends, and to those who are with us for the first time—I offer a greeting which is none the less sincere because it happens to be official.

The Ontario Medical Association may be fairly taken as representative of what is best and most progressive in the profession of this Province. This being so, I would be an ingrate indeed if I did not, first, before all else, thank you for the evidence of good-will shown in your having bestowed upon me for this year the office of President. Being deeply sensible of this kindness, the selection of a topic to which I might with advantage invite your attention, has weighed heavily upon me. If one could have been found, the intrinsic interest of which would more than have atoned for my own imperfect presentation of it, then indeed I should have felt a measure of contentment. I can claim no marked success in the quest for a subject such as this, but a number of topics seem to have sufficient interest to justify their discussion in your presence. The first of these has to do with the bearing of recent and of pending legislation, Dominion or Provincial, upon the welfare, the rights and the prospects of Ontario physicians. Before entering upon any consideration of these matters, it is just as