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LADIES and Gentlemen,—I cannot fully express myself for the honor I received at your hands at our last annual meeting. My voice is not strong enough to express my appreciation of your good will towards me and my confreres from the West. I feel my inability to do justice to the position to which I have been exalted, and I will crave your patience and sympathies for a brief space of your time.

I cannot vie with those who have preceded me in this honored chair; I can only strive to emulate them. We have already an honored list of Past Presidents, and, while the time now is short when I will be with them, I feel that my interest in this Association will ever increase as the years roll by, and I can never for a moment believe that our Association will ever wane, but that its usefulness and power will increase from year to year, and that it will be a standing authority on Provincial matters concerning our profession.

I am sure we may feel proud to-day to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our existence. We have arrived at the quarter-century mark in a very healthy and prosperous condition, and I do not fear—I feel I can be prophetic—that those who will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this Association will, when it arrives at the half-century mark, find that medicine has made even greater strides during the second quarter than during the first and that our Association will be credited with promoting in no small degree the welfare of the people. I feel that we here in Ontario would be unworthy of our noble calling if we had not brought into existence the Ontario Medical Association and given it our encouragement and support. Among our neighbors to the south, the people of the United States—I came near saying Americans, but, as is well known, we, as Canadian, claim that title ourselves—the State Association is a great factor in the building up and ennobling of all the higher ideals of life and is considered one of the best authorities on all matters pertaining to the control of the profession and the health of the people. In this I feel we should vie with our neighbors, and not be behind in any matter pertaining to the health of the province. There is no reason why

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