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I can imagine no greater compliment the members of the Medico-Chirurgical Society can bestow upon one of their number than to choose him as their President. My gratitude is sincere, and I find it difficult to express my appreciation of the honour you did me in asking me to preside at your meetings during the year just ended. It was not, indeed, without some considerable degree of trepidation that I accepted the responsibilities of the office. But since this greatness was thrust upon me I deemed it would be ungracious on my part not to accede to your wishes.

The year has come and gone, and I am here to-night to give an account of my stewardship. My tenure of office has been rendered happy by your kindly interest, by the advice of my distinguished predecessor, Dr. Hutchison, by the consideration of a sympathetic Council and the labours of our indefatigable secretary. Of Dr. McKee's unfailing courtesy, self-denying work, and earnest endeavours to make each programme varied and interesting I cannot speak in too high terms. Those only who have preceded him in the secretarial chair—and a goodly number I may say who now stand high in the annals of Montreal medicine have done so—can realize in its fulness the labour involved and how much the success of the meetings depends upon the secretary. Not only, however, in his official capacity, but from a scientific standpoint does Dr. McKee reflect alike credit on himself and on the Society. This Association delights to honour those to whom honour is due.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Society on their choice of President for the ensuing year. No member can fill the chair with more ability than Dr. Martin. Full of the enthusiasm of youth, the judgment of vigorous manhood, steadily climbing the ladder which leads to fame and success, he is just the man to make an ideal president, and one who will maintain the dignity and traditions of the office. I can wish him nothing better than that he may have as much