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GENTLEMEN,—In the order of business it is now my duty to address you on this our eighth anniversary. With one exception the Association has held its meetings in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. On this occasion we have the pleasure of assembling in one of the oldest cities of the Maritime Provinces ; which with its noble harbour adorns the Atlantic coast of the Dominion. Perhaps the day is not distant when a session of this same Association will be held on that other shore where the waters of the Pacific wash its Western boundary.

Those among us whose heads are nearing their resting place may not see this event, much less the gatherings of our profession in those intermediate regions which must one day become the home of millions ; but you who have commenced the battle of life, when the passing years will have left their impress, and you take your stand between the present and the future, will witness vast changes, and in the meetings of the " Canadian Medical Association " will find yourselves surrounded with brethren, coming from the different quarters of the Dominion—from the Pacific coast with its genial winters,—from the valleys of the Sas-