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AN ABSTRACT OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
ADDRESS, DELIVERED BEFORE  
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Allow me to tender to you my sincere thanks for the kindly spirit you manifested towards me when you elected me to preside upon this occasion over this talented, intellectual, and scientific body. The chair has heretofore been filled by men who are distinguished members of the profession, and I feel justly proud of being permitted to be their successor; but while thoroughly appreciating the honor conferred upon me, I am fully alive to the fact that in honoring me the Association sought to honor, not me alone, but the profession in the western portion of our fair province, and I trust I may do them credit, as their representative, by acquitting myself in a manner worthy of the position. Personally, I feel that there are other members of the profession who could more ably and with greater dignity preside over such a large and representative body, but I trust you will kindly overlook my shortcomings, and extend to me that forbearance and assistance which is so essential in the working of the influential and scientific Association before me.

We have now reached our eleventh annual meeting, and I need scarcely tell you that it is

with the greatest pleasure I welcome you here. Not only have I the pleasure of extending a hearty welcome to the members of the profession in Ontario, but desire to extend kindly greetings to distinguished members from other provinces of the Dominion and from the "great republic to the south," who have so kindly come to assist us in our deliberations, in the cause of science, during our present session.

The world of science and letters has been aptly likened to a republic, in which there is "no royal road to learning"; and as each individual stands upon his own merits, there being no hereditary privileges, the *least* may at some time be the *greatest*. This thought is well calculated to inspire the younger members of our profession with that zeal which is so necessary in order to excel, and I can say, without fear of contradiction, that no department of the world of science has displayed the same indomitable energy and zest in the search after truth during the last quarter of a century as that of medicine.

As we are all co-workers in this great republic of science, all standing on the same level, being earnest students in the search after truth, we trust that each will freely contribute to the general fund of information during our debates. What more noble object can engage the attention of man, or any body of men, than that for which we have met, viz., the best and most feasible means for the prevention and amelioration of disease?

The ancients appear to have clearly appreciated this fact, as they have expressed it: *Hom-*