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R. President and gentlemen, I greatly appreciate the honour you have done me to-night in inviting me to be present at your inaugural Banquet. I thank you too, gentlemen, very heartily, for the reception you have extended to me as the King's Representative in this great Dominion.

It is peculiarly pleasant to me to be here, not only because I thoroughly sympathise with the objects of your Club, but because I recognize in your President a very old friend — one who seems to have discovered a secret we should all like to know : the elixir of perpetual youth—for assuredly, gentlemen, he is to all appearance younger than he was twenty years ago, when I first knew him. In those remote ages, there were occasions when the position of Governor General was not free from anxieties, in connection with which Colonel Sherwood and I had not a little work in common, but those troublous days told no tale on him, and now