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### THE MEDICAL MAN AS A WITNESS\*

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Some years ago, while yet at the Bar, I prepared for the students in Medicine of the University of Toronto a series of lectures upon "The Doctor in Court," in which I dealt with the medical man as judge, as plaintiff, as defendant and as witness. In the summer of 1903, the officers of the Ontario Medical Association asked me to address that body upon "The Medical Expert as Witness," and I gladly acceded to their request. My address, based as it was upon one of the lectures to the medical students, was given without manuscript or notes, and was really conversational. The stenographer of the Association reported the address; and it appeared in some of the medical journals of Toronto. I had no opportunity of revising the transcript and never saw the address in print until the present year.

When I was asked to address this body on the subject of "The Medical Man as a Witness," I re-read my former remarks and find there opinions to which I adhere, and that what I am reported to have said, discursive as it is, covers much of what I should like to say to-night. It must, of course, not be

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