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**G**ENTLEMEN,—To utter words of kindly greeting is always a grateful task, and to-day it becomes my pleasant duty to welcome you to the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Ontario Medical Association. To all of you—to our guests, to old friends and to those who are with us for the first time, I offer a greeting which is none the less sincere because it happens to be official.

The Ontario Medical Association may be fairly taken as representative of what is best and most progressive in the profession of this Province. This being so, I would be an ingrate indeed if I did not, first before all else, thank you for the evidence of good-will shown in your having bestowed upon me for this year the office of President. Being deeply sensible of this kindness, the selection of a topic to which I might with advantage invite your attention, has weighed heavily upon me. If one could have been found the intrinsic interest of which would more than have attoned for my own imperfect presentation of it, then indeed I should have felt a measure of contentment. I can claim no marked success in the quest for a subject such as this, but a number of topics seem to have sufficient interest to justify their discussion in your presence. The first of these has to do with the bearing of recent and of pending legislation, Dominion or Provincial, upon the welfare, the rights and the prospects of Ontario physicians. Before entering upon any consideration of these matters it is just as well that we should put aside the modesty with which we have for a long time been tongue-tied and claim boldly that in regard to the regulating of the study and practice of medicine by legislation, this province has been and still is in advance of any other province or state on this continent. More than this, our methods of conducting examinations by a Board representing all the interests concerned and having the sole power to confer licenses for practice, while it has served as a model for the organization of many State Boards, is still better than any other. Our examinations have been and are more exacting and searching and our standards are higher than those of any other