

that of facilities for the efficient management of epidemics, and that of systematic registration of vital statistics in our rural, as well as urban districts, are the most burning.

These problems are only to be satisfactorily solved when their importance is fully understood by the people to whom we look for the material means of solving them. There is no individual in the community whose influence for good in these directions is greater than that of the family physician. His intimate contact with the people affords him the opportunity to educate, and his councils go far in deciding them how to act.

I trust that as good citizens, as well as good doctors, you will use your influence for these ends to the best of your knowledge and abilities.

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I feel that my first duty to-night is to offer you my very hearty thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me in electing me President of the Association for the ensuing year.

When I recall the names of those who have preceded me in this chair I can only ask your indulgence for the deficiencies you may find in me, of which I am very conscious, and express the hope that under my presidency, the interest of the Association may in nowise suffer nor its honour in any way be tarnished.

The present occasion is no ordinary one. In the appointment of a President from among the members of the Association whose home and work lie in this far distant portion of the Dominion, and in our meeting here to-day at the doorway of the West, a new departure has been made.

I am far too modest to suppose for an instant that any particular merit of mine has induced the Association to make this departure; rather I conceive it to be due to a general recognition of the claims and standing of the western members as a whole, and of the growing importance of this fair western province.

I should be performing my duties but poorly did I not seize this early opportunity to thank you on behalf of my western confreres, and on behalf of the people of this province in general, and of this city in particular, for the compliment you have paid us in selecting this province and this city as the place of meeting for this year, and I feel I am only expressing their wishes in tendering you a hearty welcome to