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It is my first duty, as well as pleasure, to acknowledge my deep sense of gratitude for the honour you have done me in electing me to the chief office in this Association. I have experienced the unusual courtesy of an election for a second term. This, however, may not imply a compliment but rather a reprimand and an injunction—a reprimand for duty left undone, and an injunction to be more diligent in the discharge of duties of this high office, not to neglect the opportunities nor evade the responsibilities pertaining thereto. If so, I freely acknowledge the justice of the censure. The Presidency has been held by several of the ablest physicians this country has produced, and to succeed such men would be an honour to any one. It would, however, have been in the interests of the Association and much more in accord with my own feelings, had the by-law been observed, which requires that the president be elected from the city in which the meeting is to be held. In justice to Montreal this should have been done, as then some of our difficulties would have been avoided, and such honour as pertains to the position would have been bestowed where it belongs.

However, under the circumstances it is my pleasing duty to gratefully acknowledge the cordial sympathy shown by our Montreal friends, a generous cordiality in keeping with their well-known character. I can only most sincerely thank them for their cordial good-will and co-operation. I hope it will be my privilege to welcome one of their number as President at the next meeting held in Toronto, when I hope