

large for several days, and there was considerable fever and irritation, but the patient has now recovered.

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While thanking you for the honourable position your partiality has assigned to me, I am fully sensible of the difficulty of dealing, in a satisfactory manner, with so important a subject as Surgery; and especially of giving an *aperçu* of its condition, its status, in this extensive but thinly populated territory.

Since the organization of this important Association, destined, let us hope, to cement into one body the members of our profession scattered throughout this vast Dominion—the addresses have been confined to those delivered annually by the retiring President, and on such general subjects as fitted the occasion. It was resolved last year to inaugurate at this, the sixth annual meeting, addresses in Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery, and Hygiene, and, speaking in the interests of this Association, I cannot but regret that to some other had been confided the first address in that branch of the healing art which pertains to external therapeutics—the *quod in therapeia mechanicum*.

The fact that, in this Canada of ours, partially rescued, as it were, but yesterday, from the primeval forest, and its lordly master the red man, an association of this character should have been formed, is, in itself, an indication of a progress which has no parallel save in the adjoining republic; and the circumstance of a division into the various departments which make up the general science of medicine as a whole, is an indication of the advanced condition of each. But a few years ago, and in the place where we are now