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If, in rising to address this national association as its president for the year, I confess to some small feeling of pride, I have little doubt you will forgive me for it. It is a feeling born, and legitimately born, of a deep sense of the honor you have laid upon me; and I trust you will accept the assurance of my heartfelt thanks.

Yet, deeply as I have appreciated the honor, I have felt the responsibilities of the office in an equal, or even a greater, degree. At times during the past year, let it be confessed, the work and worries incident to preparing for this meeting have almost made me regret my election. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the medical men in Edmonton and the city authorities for the arduous work they have done and the excellent help they have rendered.

Gentlemen, I do not propose in this presidential address to take up any one aspect of medicine in particular, as is done in many addresses of this character; nor to give a general review of the progress of medicine during the past year, with which many of you are better acquainted than I am. What I have set before myself is rather to review briefly the work of the association in the past two or three years; to point out the lines along which progress has been made, and along which, as I take it, progress has still to be made; to estimate what part in it all the West has taken and may take, and, finally, to make an appeal for greater unity in thought