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GENTLEMEN,—The interval of our separation has elapsed, and we are brought together, in accordance with our preconcerted plans, to inaugurate, in a more formal manner, the British Columbia Dental Association.

I greet you as individual members of a noble profession. It is fair to presume that we have accorded to us by the community in which we live our appropriate status, and that we each of us wield the influence to which we are justly entitled.

But what shall be the character of our Association, and what can we do for each other and the public around us? These are questions which address themselves to us on the present occasion, with great pertinence and fitness. Shall our organization become a mutual admiration society, or shall we lay broad and deep the foundations of an honorable structure, that shall wield an influence for good when we shall have passed away, as our fathers have gone before us? I trust that a mere existence will not satisfy the purposes and designs of those I see around me on this occasion. While it does not become me to dictate, it may, nevertheless, be appropriate to suggest. To save us from disintegration and disso-