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The President requests permission to insert in the *Journal* only an abstract of his address, considering a large portion of it as being, though in his opinion suitable at the time, of local and temporary interest; whilst, as he is occupying in another way a portion of the present number of the *Journal*, he would gladly abridge where it seems to him that the full text would be now superfluous.

After acknowledging the honor again conferred upon him, and offering remarks, arising out of the occurrences of the past year, on the condition and prospects of the Institute, expressing regret at the want of union of all the Literary and Scientific Societies of Ontario in one compact body, but in other respects taking an encouraging view of our affairs, he proceeded to speak of the general progress of Science, commenting particularly on matters relating to his own studies. He adverted to the efforts made in Great Britain to obtain from the Government some more efficient aid for the promotion of knowledge; to the interesting and valuable results of recent deep-sea dredgings; to the observations of Darwin and others on the fertilization of plants, in reference to cross-fertilization and the extent of the agency of insects;