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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.*

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ONFORMITY with the custom that attaches to the position which, by your partiality, I have held during the past year makes it requisite that I should address you on this occasion. If I were to consult my own wishes, I would not consume any of your valuable time. I cannot, however, disregard the usage that is coeval with the existence of such an organization, composed of medical men from every portion of our fair province.

My first impulse is to express to the association the high appreciation I feel for the honor conferred upon me in being selected to preside over this meeting. I can only repeat the statement that I made at the time of my installation in this position last year, namely, that I realized that the honor was intended more particularly for the part of the rural section of

*Delivered at the meeting held in Toronto, June, 1895.