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ABSTRACT OF ADDRESS TO MEMBERS OF THE DOMINION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

DELIVERED BY J. A. MULLIN, M.D., PRESIDENT.

KINGSTON, Sept. 5, 1883.

Gentlemen of the Canada Medical Association :

"I must thank you sincerely for the very high honour you have conferred on me in electing me to preside at this meeting. When I think of the many energetic workers I have met from year to year at our meetings, it is not difficult to see that this honour might have more justly passed to many others before it reached me, and indeed, for my own part, I could easily have waited."

After referring to the pleasure he experienced at meeting so many young and enthusiastic members of the profession, as well as old familiar faces, he expressed his sorrow for those who had gone, and paid a high tribute to the memory of Dr. David, as well as to that of Dr. Campbell.

"The importance of our annual meetings cannot be over-estimated; each of our Medical and Surgical Societies has its sphere of usefulness. Our County, City and Provincial Associations can do work that will advance the interests and knowledge of the members of the Profession; but the highest and best results may be attained by this Society gathering each year the members of the Profession from all parts of the Dominion, who in the discussions will reflect

the progress we are able to make. We all cordially agree with the remarks made by the President of the Ontario Medical Association, at its late meeting, who referred to the relationship of the various local societies to this, and indicated that while each worked in its own sphere, all should cooperate and endeavour to promote the work of the Dominion Association."

He thought those persons who held the view that itinerancy was dangerous to the best interests of the Society, were wrong. The present successful meeting was the strongest argument against their case.

"We meet now in the old city of Kingston, and look for continued success when we reflect upon the standing of the Profession in this vicinity, and remember that we have come to an important centre of education and culture. Every member of this Association gladly recognizes that the Institutions of this city remain worthy of the history of Eastern Ontario, and exercise their influence over the youth of the present with increased vigour, corresponding to the growth of our country."

"The question naturally occurs: What progress have we made in our store of professional knowledge since we met a year ago? It would be difficult for any one to keep pace with the work that is done each year—so many workers in every branch—so many enthusiastic enquirers in every part of the field, it is almost impossible for any one engaged in the active duties of an everyday life to do more than glance at