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—Hospitals in Canada.—Specialization
and its dangers.—Necessity of Synthesis
as a Corrective.—A Plea for Liberal
Education as a Preliminary to Medical
Study.*

The feelings with which I rise to address so large and so distinguished an audience are a strange alloy of regret that I must needs fall short of my own desires; of confusion at finding that those to whom the same post of honorable duty has been entrusted in past years have left no branch of surgery untouched; and more than all of dread lest my beloved Canada should suffer in your estimation at the hands of one who wants, not the will, but the power to do her justice on this momentous occasion.

Permit me, in my country's name, to thank you in all sincerity for the compliment paid her in inviting one of her children to your shores, and in assigning to him a position of such honor in your deliberations—a position hitherto reserved for the most eminent of your own land—a land teeming with all that is great and noble in our art. Let me assure you that Canada is not unmindful of this fresh token of your