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## Original Addresses.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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GENTLEMEN,

My days are so far spent that honors do not possess the same charm for me that they did years ago. But let me say to you in all sincerity that I highly appreciate the honour you have conferred upon me by placing me in this chair, to preside over a body of gentlemen comprising between four and five thousand; for our doors are open to every educated and honourable medical man in the Dominion, and covering a district of thousands of square miles.

I accept it as a proof that you did not class me as one of the "fossils of the profession to be placed on the shelf and forgotten." I did not expect it. I feel that I did not deserve it, for circumstances have prevented my attendance at your meetings for many years. But while not with you in person I was with you in spirit, believing, as I do, that associations such as this, tend to educate both the head and the heart; the stimulus of mind upon mind producing a kind of intellectual contagion. Our mutual criticisms and discussion form at once a school and an ordeal, teaching us to be more careful in our classification of the phenomena occurring in our practice, and more correct in our deductions from them. And we are justified in assuming that the great progress made in the healing art during the present century may be largely attributed to the stimulating influence of medical associations.

Our social meetings with the consequent interchange of friendly hand-clasping, tend to create a brotherly love among us. And may that brotherly love ripen and produce a spirit of unanimity and combination by which we can alone obtain that influence which means