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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.*

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It is not without a legitimate feeling of uneasiness that I rise on this important occasion to address you in a tongue that is somewhat strange to me. I avow that the dictates of duty would scarcely be powerful enough to develop sufficient courage were I not assured previously of your benevolence and lenity. Encouraged by this reliance upon your indulgence, I shall proceed, and, by being as short as possible, I hope to merit your good-will.

The American Public Health Association, since its foundation, now twenty-two years ago, ever true to its mission, has never ceased to labour for the advancement of sanitary science—for the promotion of measures and organizations that should effect the practical accomplishment of the laws and principles of public hygiene. It has thus realized the brightest hopes and most enthusiastic provisions of its worthy founders, and has extended its benefits and influence over the whole of North America; to-day it embraces the three great countries that form this vast continent: the United States of America, the Republic of Mexico, and the Dominion of Canada, all three working together in brotherly emulation, recognizing no political boundaries, and valiantly striving to attain one unique and

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