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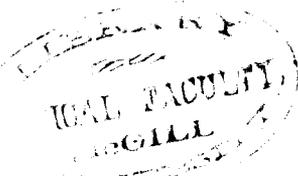
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

My first duty is to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me to preside over this meeting. I do not flatter myself that this honor came to me personally because of individual merit, or for services rendered this Association; I take it that the honor was conferred upon a representative of that great majority of our profession in this Province—the General Practitioners, and more particularly the country practitioners, in whose ranks I labor.

The voice of the country practitioner is not often heard in this assembly, if we make one notable exception in the person of our esteemed friend, Dr. T. S. Harrison, for here are met the lecturers and professors of our schools, the clinicians and teachers of our hospitals; the specialists in every branch and department of medicine and surgery; the rotund, well-groomed, prosperous-looking general practitioner of the city; the consultant of Provincial reputation, and “members of the Academy of Medicine”; so that naturally the country practitioner, overawed by this array of talent, is not very aggressive nor assertive in meetings such as this. But come out with him into his own little bailiwick, and learn if his voice is always silent there. There we still find occasionally the old-fashioned family physician, looked upon by half the countryside as the wisest of counsellors, the truest and most unselfish of friends, and who is oftentimes the social and intellectual beacon of his community. Whilst he is no expert in skiagraphy or the making of the Wassermann tests, in bacteriology or the microscopical



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