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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.\*

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**F**RIENDS and Colleagues,—My first duty is to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me to preside over this meeting.

I can assure you that my pride in this great honor is tempered by a feeling of very great responsibility and a sense of marked inaptitude for the duties of this position. And in thanking this Association for an undeserved honor, I wish to thank, especially, the most earnest, energetic and cheerfully laborious Executive which any President ever had.

I wish to express my sense of obligation for the presence of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, whose more than eighty years of strenuous and honorable life give exceptional value to the kind words of appreciation in which he has just welcomed our Association to this city.

Permit me also to express my pleasure in having on the platform my dear old friend and colleague, the Honorable D. McN. Parker, one of the founders of this Association.

And now I bid you welcome, welcome to this picturesque province of Nova Scotia and to the city of Halifax.

I bid you welcome on behalf of the medical men of this province; for when it became known that the Canadian Medical Association was to meet here, there came in from all over the province, from the county societies and from individual practitioners, expressions of a desire to have a share in your entertainment, and therefore it is that we are here to-day as the guests of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, and that we have listened to the warm welcome of its President.

In welcoming you to this place I should perhaps say a few words of introduction to a city and a province new, perhaps, to many of you. If you are interested in history you will find much here to occupy your attention.

In the early morning mists of our history we see Leif Ericson in his Viking galleys steer along our coast. Four hundred years ago the Cabots took possession of these regions for King Henry VII. And then

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