In conclusion, allow me to express the hope that the arrangements made by the Executive Committee for the entertainment of our guests may meet with appreciation and approval, and that the memories of the brief sojourn here may be all that is bright and happy. The loyalty and unanimity with which the profession throughout the Dominion has co-operated with us in Montreal to make this meeting of the British Medical Association a success from every point of view, deserves and receives our heartiest thanks. We are also greatly indebted for the kind and ready assistance of the Dominion Government, the Quebec Government, and the Civic Government of Montreal. Our hands have been strengthened, and the cause we have so much at heart has been furthered by the active good-will of the country's official representatives.

One word more: It is a good thing to be here to-day, in the midst of this great gathering so full of power and vigor. The fruits of such a gathering should be tangible, enduring, not ephemeral, not for to-day, but for all time. To our kinsmen from beyond the great seas, let me express the earnest hope that in the future our kinship will be a more real and living thing than in the past. We are members of one great family, members one of another, in a peculiar and very real sense. Let that once be recognized, and the statesman's task will be an easy one. In more than words has Canada shown herself worthy of her high heritage, worthy of a part in the Empire, worthy to share in its trials and its triumphs. We, who know her history, can say with well-founded confidence:

> So in the long hereafter this Canada shall be The worthy heir of British power and British liberty, Spreading the blessings of her sway to her remotest bounds, While with the fame of her fair name a continent resounds, True to her high traditions, to Britain's ancient glory, Of patient saint and martyr, alive in deathless story; Strong in their liberty and truth to shed from shore to shore A'light among the nations till nations are no more.

ADDRESS IN MEDICINE

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BRITISH MEDICINE IN GREATER BRITAIN.

To trace successfully the evolution of any one of the learned professions would require the hand of a master, of one who, like Darwin could combine the capacity for patient observation with philosophic vision. In the case of Medicine the difficulties are enormously increased by the extraordinary development which belongs to the history of the present century. The rate of progress has been too, rapid for us to appreciate, and we stand bewildered and, as it were, in a state of intellectual giddiness, when we attempt to obtain a broad, comprehensive view of the subject. In a safer "middle flight," it is my purpose to dwell on certain of the factors which have moulded the profession in English-speaking lands beyond the narrow seas,—of British medicine in Greater Britain. Even for this lesser task (though my affiliations are wide and my sympathies deep), I recognize the limitations of my fitness, and am not unaware that in