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THE GROWTH AND ORGANIZATION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN NOVA SCOTIA.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,—The first duty resting upon me is to thank you for the wholly undeserved distinction which you have conferred in choosing me to deliver one of the general addresses at this meeting of this Association.

I wish to apologize for my presumption in undertaking so serious a responsibility, feeling that local reasons, rather than any fitness on my part, must have counselled your request.

The subject upon which I shall endeavor to address you may be entitled "The Growth and Organization of the Medical Profession in Nova Scotia."

It was not without misgivings that I selected such a local topic, but I have been assured that there are ample precedents for such a course.

It may be confidently stated that there is at the present time a growing interest in the history of the medical profession in all its aspects. This may be regarded as part of the modern recognition of the important fact that no subject can be thoroughly studied and fully understood unless studied historically. Not only is this fact acted upon by the leaders of modern thought and the great teachers of the age, but it is becoming generally recognized by all thinking men that we must have some knowledge of the past to understand, really, the present,

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