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THE SURGERY OF TO-DAY.*

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Mr. President and Members of the Canadian Medical Association,—It is a double pleasure for me to deliver this address. One is professional and the other social. In the first place, it has given me a plausible excuse to attend the Canada Medical Association a second time and profit by its proceedings, as well as enjoy the bounteous hospitality associated with it. And the very courteous invitation through my old friend, Dr. Wishart, I could not well refuse, affording me, as it does, another opportunity of meeting my old friends and college-mates.

For the distinction and honor thus conferred upon me, an aberrant Canadian, I have just reason to be proud, and let me assure you of my highest appreciation of it.

In selecting a subject for my discourse I had no supercilious notions of highly entertaining you, nor did I dream of assuming the role of teacher. I determined on "The Surgery of To-day." I know not why, but I did. Standing thus, between the past and future—between our inheritance, the surgery that has

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