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Gentlemen :—My first duty is to thank the members of the Canadian Medical Association for the great, and I may add, entirely unsought, honor of being called upon to serve as its President. Having been absent from last year's meeting, my election to this important position at that time was still more a source of surprise, but, nevertheless, of much gratification. If a simple loyalty to this Association as one of the rank and file, and humble efforts to sustain it by regular attendance and an occasional contribution, entitle one to any recognition, I may fairly claim that much. To more than that I lay no claim, and I know it is only the indulgent goodwill of my friends and fellow-members which has procured for me this great honor, one which I can assure them I duly appreciate, and I shall always endeavor to give them no reason to consider their kind confidence misplaced.

He whose duty it is to address officially an important meeting of this kind may well claim to be overwhelmed by an *embarras de richesses*. No restriction is placed upon his choice of a subject, and the field is practically limitless. To select is indeed difficult, and even when that difficulty has been overcome, there