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Gentlemen of the Canadian Medical Association,—When, a year ago, you paid me the high honor of electing me to the presidency of this Association, I will not pretend to deny that the distinction that appointment conferred afforded me the most lively gratification, which, however, was qualified by several considerations that were to me of quite a serious character. Not the least of these was the knowledge that I must address an audience distinguished for intelligence and scholarly attainments, both professional and general, and that the learning and ability of my predecessors in office would not detract from the difficulty of the task. Indeed I felt, and still feel, that my chief qualification for the position in which your kindness has placed me is an unswerving interest in the prosperity of this Association, which has influenced so strongly and so favorably the medical profession of this country. While expressing my most sincere thanks for the highest honor at your disposal, I feel sure that the same kindly feeling which prompted its bestowal will render easy the duties of presiding officer, and that the same zeal which has hitherto marked the scientific work of this Association will characterize the meeting now convened.

Romance and history combine to render the city of Quebec the most interesting spot in Canada, and our Association may well be congratulated on the privilege it enjoys this year in holding its session in a place rendered famous by so many circumstances. The adventurous quest and the indomitable will of the early navigators who laid the founda-

tion of civilization in this country when they planted the colors of France along the shores of the St. Lawrence, may well serve us as models for emulation in our more peaceful search after that scientific knowledge which contributes so much to the happiness of mankind. If our efforts be at all comparable to theirs, equal honors and equal blessings may be expected to result from our endeavors. In this connection I may express the wish that the same spirit of enlightenment and progress that characterizes our parent countries, France and England, may animate their descendants in this young Dominion, and that the Canadian profession of medicine may not be unworthy the great names of Harvey and Lawrence, of Hunter and Pasteur. It will certainly contribute greatly to the progress of medical science in this country if the two races whose ancestors have led the van in Europe go hand in hand and vie with each other in creating a professional status here inferior to that of no other country. Some of the means by which we may hope to accomplish this will be the subject of my remarks to-day.

The architect who aims at lasting fame, not only lays broad and deep the foundation of his work, but anticipates each step in the growing structure even to the crowning event of its completion. He selects the material, superintends each process of manufacture, shapes every part, and embellishes the whole until it rises in symmetry and perfection, and stands the glorious and enduring monument of his creative genius. In this land there is arising a temple whose foundation is based upon the accumulated labors of the greatest architects of human happiness. Their names shine with brilliancy unabated all down through the vista of past years, and animate and enlighten all who labor in the same profession, and emulate their achievements. We are the privileged architects of this temple of