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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 for 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 circum-