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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS EXECUTIVE HEALTH OFFICERS OF ONTARIO.\*

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GENTLEMEN,—When the Association decided to meet in this, I might term, historic city, I felt that a good choice had been made, but when I look about me and see the representatives of the noble men who have at different times addressed gatherings in this place, I am almost lead to the conclusion that, from my personal standpoint, the choice was most unfortunate. Be this as it may, I must congratulate the Association on the happy conditions under which our meeting is being held.

It is expected that I, as your president, should deliver an address on this occasion ; but I have found it almost impossible to concentrate my mind sufficiently, owing to the various duties I am called upon to perform.

I do not intend taking up much of your time to-day with a long address, ten or twelve minutes being all the time I shall ask for your attention. Perhaps when I have finished you will think it has been seven or eight minutes too long.

At our last meeting in London, when you did me the honor of electing me your president, someone suggested that I give you a paper at this meeting on "Facts of Which I Know Nothing." I think it was my friend Dr. Mackenzie who remarked that a subject so vast would take up the whole time of the meeting.

The inestimable value of sanitary work in the maintenance of the public health cannot be too frequently brought under the

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\* Delivered at the Annual Meeting at Kingston, August 14th, 1900.