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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.*

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Gentlemen,—I feel impelled by keen sense of obligation to at once thank you for the unexpected and unwarranted honor conferred upon me by your choice of president for this annual period and meeting of our provincial association.

My next duty, much more pleasant and agreeable, is, on behalf of the medical profession of this city, and personally, to extend to the membership of the association and visiting brethren, especially those from south of the 49th imaginary line, a most hearty and fraternal greeting and welcome to this, the seventh meeting of the British Columbia Medical Association, and also to express the hope that our associations and deliberations may result in mutual pleasure and profit.

Upon reference to the by-laws of the British Columbia Association, I observe certain duties are imposed upon the president. From one of his duties there is no escape, for it is imperatively there set forth in this absolutely positive language: "He shall deliver an address, setting forth the condition of the profession in the province," etc. Having read this authoritative command, "He shall deliver an address," etc., the weight of official responsibility seemed almost crushing; yet duty's call adds stimulus and sometimes assists the weak and timid to surmount mountains of difficulty. To set forth the condition of the profession in or throughout the province is a heavy undertaking, and I hope impeachment for neglect

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