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GENTLEMEN,—

In welcoming you to our ninth annual meeting, I am pleased to note that the interest taken in this Association ever since its establishment has not abated, and the large attendance here to-day may surely be taken as an index of its popularity among the profession in Ontario. The arrangements made for this meeting are, as you will learn from the programme, complete in every respect, and I trust that in the discussions on the different topics, every member present will feel at perfect liberty to engage. It affords me no small degree of pleasure to join with you in extending a cordial welcome to several distinguished members of the profession from the neighboring Republic. These visitors are welcome as members of a brotherhood in practical pursuit of one grand object, and knowing no distinction of country, race or creed. Our American friends have long since learned the value of such organizations as this, and in their County, State and National Associations they have done much to advance the interests of the medical profession in the United States.

We also gladly greet our *confrères* from the sister Province who are here to-day, not only

because they come as representatives of a great university faculty, but also for the reason that we know them to be men of high professional standing and attainments.

During the past year several who have been active members of our profession have been called from labor to rest, and of many of these departed brethren it may be said, "Their good works do follow them." Some received the summons while in the prime of life, and while actively engaged in their chosen work. To enumerate at length their names and virtues is not necessary, but one has fallen from our ranks whose distinguished talents and successful career entitle him to special mention, and who will be long remembered. I refer to Dr. R. P. Howard, late Dean of McGill College, whose death, a short time ago, caused feelings of general regret among medical men throughout the whole Dominion. By his numerous valuable contributions to medical literature, Dr. Howard was known to many who never came in contact with the man, nor knew the affable manner of the great Montreal physician. Those of us who had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Howard at the meeting of the Canada Medical Association in Ottawa last autumn will long recollect his geniality on that occasion. The interesting paper he presented on "Ophthalmoplegia Externa," was his last contribution to the programme of a Canadian Medical Association. . . .

The diffusion of knowledge is now so rapid and widespread, that no sooner does a new discovery appear in a medical journal than it is