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**G**ENTLEMEN of the Ontario Medical Association: To have been deemed worthy of the most exalted position within the province of this Society to grant, is indeed an honor.

The opportunity, however, to prove whether or not such virtue lies within me demands warmer expression of thanks, more zealous and untiring service from its recipient in order that the unblemished name and history of this Association may still stand for all that is worthy and of good report in our work.

For both the kindly thought and the opportunity then, I desire to again express my thanks to the Medical Association of Ontario.

Permit me also to gratefully express my keen appreciation of the wisdom displayed in the selection of the executive. Surely no general ever had more faithful, earnest officers than were elected to support the hands of your president this year. To them, if there be success attending this meeting, let there be ascribed whatever of honor is associated in your minds with the successful carrying out of the general idea and the details of this meeting; theirs has been the tilling and sowing with the labor late and early, that to you may come the full measure of reward for your faithfulness to this old Society which has meant much to many of us during the past years.

And now once again the president and officers greet the members and friends of this Association and desire to make their greeting warmer and more full of friendship than ever before, for has not our sympathy been mellowing and ripening during another year, short though it may seem.

And not alone the old members do we greet with gladness but the new, and those who come to us as welcome guests,

I utterly fail to grasp the true sentiment of the profession here if your visit at this time does not make you feel how glad we are to have you as our guests, and how anxious we are that this brief period of relaxation from your onerous professional duties may be one of the most pleasant and profitable you have ever spent.