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GENTLEMEN,—Before commencing my address allow me to thank you most sincerely for the great honour you have conferred by electing me to the position of President of the Association. It is a distinction which I value very highly, and hope that I will in some slight degree merit the confidence thus reposed in me.

Last year our meeting was held in the ancient capital, Quebec—a city whose associations are connected with the past rather than with the present or future.

This year we meet in the enterprising and prosperous city of Hamilton. May we hope that from this date our Association will enter upon an era of greater prosperity and usefulness, and that we shall press on to greater achievements in the future. All will at once acknowledge that a great amount of good honest work has been done in the past, but it is at the same time equally evident that we must put forth greater exertions in the future if we wish our Association to keep pace with the general progress of the Dominion.

A country such as this, which extends from ocean to ocean and whose inhabitants are certainly not inferior to those of any other civilized nation in enterprise and culture, ought to have a larger and more active association. We must lay broader and deeper foundations, and show

greater energy if we would build up an organization which will be an honor to our country.

At our last meeting arrangements were made for the introduction of British Columbia, by the appointment of a Vice-President and Secretary from that Province.

Some changes of programme will be inaugurated at this meeting, whereby it is hoped the proceedings may be made more interesting and instructive.

In order to foster the interests of this Association a more intimate relationship should be established between it and those of a provincial character, and local societies should be established in those provinces where they do not now exist. I would suggest the appointment of a committee, which might confer with existing societies, and report to this Association as to the best means of maintaining and increasing its influence. A relationship such as exists between the great American Medical Association and the various State societies might form a ground-work upon which to build a scheme. While on this point, I will make the following quotation from the report of the Committee on Organization, and presented at the recent meeting of the American Medical Association in Chicago: "The three objects of paramount importance to be accomplished by medical organization, are (1) The promotion of direct personal and social intercourse between physicians, by which mutual respect, personal friendship, and unity of sentiment are greatly promoted. (2) The more rapid diffusion of medical knowledge—scientific