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GENTLEMEN,—I owe you my best thanks not only for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me your president, but also for the pleasure you have enabled me to feel as I rise to welcome you to our tenth annual meeting. And, however great and sincere a pleasure it may be to welcome my friends from Ontario, they will pardon me if I experience an even keener satisfaction in offering in their name and my own, our warmest greeting to our guests from the United States and from the sister Provinces. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for coming to take part in our deliberations and discussions. We cannot but highly appreciate the honor they bestow upon our Association by their membership during their stay. To all of you, gentlemen, I will express a hope that at the expiration of my term of office I shall in no way have forfeited your confidence, and that the interests of the Association will not have suffered under my care.

We have to lament that several of our number have been removed by the hand of death since we last met. To two of them I will briefly allude as being very worthy and distinguished members of the Association, Dr. Mackay of Woodstock, and Dr. Yeomans of Mount Forest. Both had occupied the position of Vice-President and took an active interest in all that tended to the welfare of the Association.

In the neighbourhoods where they lived they enjoyed the confidence of their patients, and were generally respected for their talents and honorable career. They were foremost in all undertakings

that aimed at our well-being as a body, and you will remember with what attention and pleasure we used to listen to them here. Our deep sorrow for their early death can be lightened only by the thought that they have left an honorable record behind them to keep their memory green, and to be an inheritance for the profession they loved and served so well.

A resolution was passed last year to memorialize the Hon. Minister of Finance, that all surgical instruments should be admitted free of duty. Acting on that resolution I wrote to the Minister at Ottawa, setting forth in as strong language as possible the desirability of having the duty abolished. I regret that we did not meet with success, as you have already learned from the reply to our communication that has been read by the secretary.

Another point raised by the committee on registration, was in reference to the registration in Canada of English registered practitioners. I have made very full enquiries of Dr. Pyne, the Registrar of the C.P.S., Ont., and I find that the College has been in constant correspondence on the subject with the English authorities. The C. P. S. is quite willing to register English graduates in this country, provided that a similar privilege of registration in England is accorded to graduates of the C. P. S. of Ontario, and it is a matter for regret that an agreement of this kind has, so far, not been arrived at. The English authorities, while fully recognizing the high standing of our examinations, are not willing to place our graduates on the English register. They offer us a colonial register which, in my opinion, the C. P. S. of Ontario was justified in refusing; for we should, by accepting it, have the appearance of placing our men on a plane of inferiority. While we cannot well agree to reciprocity on other than an equal footing, we may yet hope that a way out of the present difficulty will be found. When we consider that, for one Canadian who desires to register and practise in England there are probably five or more Englishmen who come to practise in Canada, it is evident that the English graduate has more to gain from a satisfactory settlement of the question than his Canadian fellow.

With reference to the examinations as conducted by the Ontario Council, I may venture to speak without presumption. After fifteen years experi-