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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The present meeting marks an epoch in the development of this Association. The recent amendments to the Constitution, the place of meeting, and the pleasant and unusual surroundings, all contribute to the significance of the occasion. Since our last annual gathering the Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario has changed its name for one which is shorter, and it is believed not less expressive or comprehensive—The Ontario Historical Society. But it is still as much as ever a Pioneer Association.

The main purpose of the amendments was to provide a wider basis of membership, and at the same time to enlarge its aims and objects and usefulness.

Heretofore the Association has been composed exclusively of delegates, one from each affiliated historical society, with special provision for the case of the Six Nations. At the September meeting the number of delegates from each local society was increased from one to three, and more recently the addition of the following classes of members has been authorized: *ex-officio*, life, honorary, corresponding, and annual members. The list begins with the distinguished names of