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Gentlemen of the Canadian Medical Association:

I desire to convey to you my very high appreciation of the honor conferred by you in electing me to the highest position within the gift of this Association. I hope to prove worthy of your confidence, and that your time at this meeting may be spent both pleasantly and profitably.

On behalf of the medical fraternity of London and vicinity, I extend you a most hearty welcome. Also on behalf of this Association and city, I extend fraternal greetings to those of our fraternity who come from abroad, as delegates and visitors.

Truly, this is the age of associations. No matter what the calling may be, we are sure to find a union or association connected with it. People have learned the truth of the old adage, "In unity there is strength." Social progress during the past thirty years has been most marked. All along the line we see the word *progression* in large and vivid characters. By these unions or associations the status of society at large is raised. The chief elements, or the main essentials, of an association are (1) the ethical side, by which its members are united and harmony promoted among them, through the settling of internal differences, by stating more clearly our duty toward each other; (2) the scientific side, through which a higher state of efficiency

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