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Allow me in the first place to express my appreciation of the compliment extended to me in giving me this opportunity of addressing this distinguished gathering of educationalists. I fully realize that it is the office I hold that has singled me out for this distinction, but nevertheless, I feel that you will pardon my humble pride when I tell you that this scheme of "Dominion Registration" has for many years been very dear to my heart and that in season, and out of season, I have forwarded the measure to the limit of my capacity, and now when I find that within eighteen months of its fruition I am here in the flesh to amplify its measures to my colleagues of this great Republic, I feel a sense of gratification not measurable in words.

Since the birth of the Dominion of Canada in 1867 the profession of medicine has never once lost sight of the unfortunate position it was placed in by reason of certain clauses of the British North America Act, which placed matters affecting education under the control of the Provinces. It is fairly clear that such was not the absolute intention of the framers of that Act; but rather that what was intended to be included was matters of ordinary, or common public education, and from that day to this the Provinces have held out stoutly for what they honestly believed were their rights under the constitution.