ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a great change
was made in the practise of the British
Association. From the foundation of our
society until 1884 its meetings had always
been held in the British Isles; in that year,
however, the association met in Montreal,
and a step was taken which changed us
from an insular into an imperial associa-
tion. For this change, which now I think
meets with nothing but approval, Canada
is mainly responsible. Men of science wel-
come it for the increased opportunities it
gives them of studying under the most
pleasant and favorable conditions differ-
ent parts of our empire, of making new
friends; such meetings as these not only
promote the progress of science, but also
help to strengthen the bonds which bind
together the different portions of the king’s
dominions.

This year, for the third time in a quarter
of a century, we are meeting in Canada.
As if to give us an object lesson in the
growth of empire, you in Winnipeg took
the opportunity at our first meeting in
Canada in 1884 to invite our members to
visit Manitoba and see for themselves the
development of the province at that time.
Those who were fortunate enough to be
your guests then as well as now are con-
fronted with a change which must seem
to them unexampled and almost incredible.
Great cities have sprung up, immense areas
have been converted from prairies to pros-
perous farms, flourishing industries have
been started, and the population has quad-

1 Winnipeg, 1909.