

detail. Years must elapse before anything approaching the Rudolph Virchow Hospital or two or three others in Europe can become available.

If the dreams of the architects are realized, Blackwell's Island will have one and Cincinnati another, but a million people must make their homes in Toronto before anything so extensive and costly is undertaken here. By that time we shall all be elsewhere. In the meantime Browning's statement holds good:

"The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's,  
Is not to fancy what were fair in life,  
Provided it could be—but finding first  
What may be, then find how to make it fair  
Up to our means."

Now an emergency hospital is of necessity altruistic rather than revenue-producing. Its per diem and per patient cost must be out of all proportion to what is usual throughout the country. A hospital board with deficits to face can hardly apportion to one department such as this all that is needed to maintain it at its maximum degree of efficiency. On the other hand the board of a general hospital to which patients can be transferred is the best possible body in which its control can be vested.

My suggestions were accepted by the donors at the time, and subsequently by the General Hospital Trust. This latter body also agreed to place the general direction of the Shields Emergency Hospital, as it will be called, under the chiefs of the surgical service, and asked me to undertake with the architects the work of building and organizing this special department. It is with real pleasure that I now refer to the way in which Mr. Flavelle, Chairman of the Trust Board, the President of the University, the Deans, past and present, of the Medical Department, the Professor of Surgery, the Chiefs of the Surgical Service and the architects have always in all ways given their assistance in what has so far been accomplished.

The names of the donors were withheld until last year, when litigation regarding the site selected led to their publication. Let me break the seal of my own silence through all these years and say that Agnes and Jane Shields, in loving memory of their brother, John Shields, have made possible this addition to the city's facilities for giving aid to the suffering. Horace wrote: "I have builded unto myself a monument more enduring than brass." Surely in what they have done for humanity these noble women have builded