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I.

From two points of view alone have we a wide and satisfactory view of life—one, ere the dew of youth has been brushed off, as we stand at the foot of the hill, eager for the journey, amid the glorious tints of the early morn ; the other, wider, perhaps less satisfactory, as we gaze from the summit, at the lengthening shadows cast by the setting sun. From no points in the ascent have we the same broad outlook, as the steep and broken pathway affords few halting places with an unobscured view. You remember in the ascent of the Mountain of Purgatory, Dante, after a stiff climb, reached a high terrace encircling the hill, and sitting down turned to the East, remarking to his good leader—"all men are delighted to look back." So on this occasion, from the terrace of a quarter of a century, I am delighted to look back, and to be able to tell you of the prospect.

Twenty-five years ago this Faculty, with some hardihood, selected a young and untried man to deliver the lectures on the Institutes of Medicine. With characteristic generosity the men who had claims on the position in virtue of service in the school, recognizing that the times were changing, stepped aside in favor of one who had had the advantage of post-graduate training in the subjects to be taught. An experiment on the part of the Faculty, enthusiasm, constitutional energy, and a fondness for the day's work on my part led to a certain measure of success. I have tried to live over again in memory those happy early