

But great lights by their very intensity cast deep shadows, and these shadows are the occasion of much stumbling. Less brilliant globes make our streets as safe by night as by day, although no one of them can be said to far outshine its fellows. That we have come closer together and are more mutually helpful is surely true, but still it would be premature to hold that the medical millennium is even within measurable distance of No. 13 Queen's Park Avenue.

Where we stand, however, is not nearly as important as the direction in which we are moving. To-night I want to speak to you regarding one line along which we may soon and rapidly advance. The members of this Academy are, I feel sure, broad enough to permit me to do this without being charged with giving undue prominence to a single institution, or to my own part in what is being done or to be done.

Demosthenes made his hearers forget the speaker in the interest he led them to take in his subject, but I am as far removed in skill as in time from that hero of our schoolboy days. Montague's aphorism, that one seldom refers to himself without detriment to the person spoken of, will warn me to guard my utterances in so far as they must be personal.

In the year 1898 it fell to the lot of the speaker to suggest a way in which a certain ample fortune could be used for the permanent benefit of our people. Many plans were passed in review before a final decision was reached. What was decided upon at last involved substantial gifts in aid of the care of sick children, of the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis, of missionary efforts, and of various other great charities, but reserved for a single purpose the bulk of what was to be devised. This purpose was to build, equip and maintain in perpetuity an emergency or casualty hospital, which should afford prompt and skilled relief to those injured or taken suddenly ill.

That a need exists for such assistance in all large cities admits of no question. When supplied by the regular service of a general hospital it is apt to be attended by delays, and to disarrange the work of the staff. The Relief Station at Haymarket Square, connected with the Boston City Hospital, and the Hudson Street Hospital, which is the Casualty Department of the New York Hospital, are the best institutions of the kind to which I can refer. Each has a staff of its own and the patients admitted are soon transferred to the parent hospital. In Scotland a similar plan is found to be most satisfactory. In every great modern hospital a department like this must be given a place. On this continent be it remembered we have no great modern hospital complete in every