

of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, is the central position of the site, thereby minimizing the tedious and exhausting drive in an ambulance and enabling physicians to visit their private patients at a moderate cost in time.

To the objection that it forms a menace to the health of families of citizens using the locality as a playground, there is not an iota of reason. Diphtheria and scarlatina, the two maladies for which provision is proposed, are well-known not to extend their infection beyond a limited area by ærial conduction. The experience of all large fever hospitals, many of them in densely crowded districts, all show that there is no undue prevalence of these ailments in their neighbourhoods. Every practitioner can recall instances in which patients suffering from these diseases have been successfully isolated in the top floors of dwelling houses, and in which the malady has been confined to a single case. Surrounded as the proposed civic hospital is to be by a plot of ground and walled off from the adjoining property, surely the dangers of infection cannot be said to exist beyond the hospital premises.

We cannot too earnestly impress on our city fathers the necessity of acting promptly and of pushing forward in the erection of a building so that it may be occupied during the winter, following the present one. Every case of infectious disease occurring in the poorer districts of the city now forms a menace to the public health, owing to the impossibility of securing isolation, and to the intercourse so often carelessly allowed with neighbours. The Civic Health Committee under Alderman Ames' chairmanship have carried out many reforms and they have the sympathy and co-operation of the entire profession in their uphill fight for an infectious hospital on the available site in Fletcher's Field.

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