

as such in the hospital. Thus even Harvard, for example, has no initiative in filling staff positions at the Boston hospitals. Often the services rotate every three or four months, irrespective of the needs of the student. Too often while the material is abundant, as at the great Cook County hospital in Chicago, the student is not allowed within the wards, the most that is granted to him being a transient examination of patients wheeled into the clinical amphitheatre. No opportunity is afforded him to sit down quietly at the bedside and study the patient, to make a detailed examination, to follow the course of the disease, or the results of an operation. Under these conditions is it a wonder that, after graduation at these imperfect schools, American graduates crowd to Vienna and Berlin, to make use of the abundant clinical material there afforded and so complete their education? Is it a wonder that, thanks to their appalling ignorance of elementary clinical matters, they are a matter of contemptuous amusement and a proverb to our European colleagues? They cannot in Europe understand a system which at the same moment evolves some of the most brilliant workers in modern medicine, along with a multitude of egregious ignor-amuses. As a result the status of American medicine suffers. Men are skeptical as to the value of our work because the fruit is so unlike what their knowledge of the tree would lead them to expect.

Well, gentlemen, in this respect you may set yourselves at ease. Toronto—and, as in private duty bound, I must add, McGill—are among the fifteen or so institutions in which the hospital facilities pass muster. We have preserved the British tradition. There is here cordial co-operation between the school and the hospitals; you will have free access to the wards, and if in the past there have been too many pay patients in the wards here, unavailable to the students, by the time you reach your fourth and fifth years, the great new University hospital will be ready to receive you. I do, indeed, congratulate you on your choice of a school which will afford such noble opportunities.

But hospital and dispensary attendance of to-day is a very different matter from "walking the hospital," as known to previous generations. Our forbears depended for their knowl-