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Mt. Sinai Nurses Home, Cleveland, 1927.

John Bell - writing a 100 yrs ago in his
"Principles of Surgery" thus picture the
wards of a hospital:

"you look upon limbs variously wounded, but
all, then lying out, swollen, suppurating,
fistulous, rotting in their own filth, having
curious bones, bleeding arteries and a profu-
sion of matter; the patients exhausted in the
mean while, with diarrhoea, fever and pain."

Hospitals were places of death. Statistics show
that in large Fr. Hospitals 62 in 100 died after
an amputation & in England 41 in 100

- Our Hospitals & innumerable whiteness -



- 1- It is unnecessary at this late date to praise the service which the Hosp. renders the community. ① The most decisive crit. test of a civilization is the care which it takes, the skill, the health. ^{Judge progress} (Hospital-less countries are benighted countries - ② H. represent (a) respect & concern (b) security ~~etc~~)
2. Our progress in last century can be traced in terms of conquest & disease, ^{conquest & suffering} protection & prolongation of human life; also in the character of the Hospital - Feared as the land - for fear & destruction - Haven for all - Bell - Places of dread - 62-100 in 41 in 100.
3. The most elementary institution in society - A holy service - The ministry of healing - (Priest) & rel.
- (a) As ministers of rel. deeply concerned with every agency - physical upbuilding & defence - Body as - sinful - prison of soul - source of all evil - Cashgate to exalt spirit - Normal functions of body - almost indecent - Dualism - departmentalized - Here
 - (b) Our knowledge has increased - One! inter-twined - not body - not soul! Mind controls body - body expresses itself in mind.
 - (c) How many ailments, the mind has their root in organic disease - How much are neuroses dependant upon the physical condition?
 - (d) No moralist - without reference to biology & psych. Penal code - condition & culprit.
 - (e) Rel. v. fully inter-bed in Health - for only trans. - Undoubtedly - men are able - Temple -
4. What are modern Hospitals doing for us? What do we expect
- ① expert, efficient, ^{sympathetic, functioning with heart} ~~conscientious~~ care - works with precision & a great industrial plant but ② not for profit and ③ with a world of sympathy & compassion - A man is here suffering -

② Train our nurses - on what professions -
to serve patient; to execute doctor's orders - to cheer
comfort.

③ It offers training to the ^{medical student and the} interns. It has its research
laboratory, pushing the causes, disease and their
radical cure - justly, pathologically - men are at work -
measuring the cause, men's souls - + pushing for cure.

- an army of services
④ To cooperate with social agencies to keep patient in shape, uphold of
and to identify causes in the way, health - construction,
⑤ To administer economic social preventive
and to keep public informed measures

Names Pastern - Koch - Ehrlich - Metchnikoff
and Macleod -



1. Congratulate you on splendid service which you have rendered Com. during 15 yrs. 5 years existence. It is unnecessary to indulge in praise of Hosp. service at this late date. — One of the ~~for~~ most significant signs of civilized society is hospitals. They represent (a) protection + security (b) respect and concern for human beings + their well-being. One can judge with fair accuracy of a country's progress by the degree to which it provides for its people — and by the quality of its medical service. Not so very long ago hosp. were built largely for the helpless poor — and they were place feared ~~more~~ ^{rather} than loved. But the institutions developed so rapidly and so graciously that to-day it is a honor for all — and is regarded with affection + with unbounded gratitude by all. (over)

2. As a minister of religion I am deeply concerned with every agency which applies itself with the physical upbuilding + defence of the human man. None

No social visit. is as elementary friendship
as a hospital. In the universal unity
& compassion in it stands the quest. To
alleviate pain, to restore to health, to rise
upon disease & epidemics to accompany
man in a painful agony from birth
to death. Is a service of primary ~~importance~~
importance. A holy service. A job - here
over bed, the sick - He becomes the usual
the Almighty. The ministry, healing was
once the priest, the priest.



used to be a line in our theory. I don't. When
the body was regarded as innocent, the person
the soul. It was innocent, all evil. Men were
taught to castigate & afflict their bodies
in order to exalt their Spirits. The Flesh
was the abode of the devil. The normal
function of the body was looked upon
as almost indecent. Ideal = escape
from the meat.

(a) Based on a primitive dualism
① Body ② Spirit. Man deficient mentalized.
Here was the Esse, man. Men was his
earthly, temporary, outer garment. And
the less attraction given to the unrefined,
material element the better.

(b) Our knowledge has advanced. Man is
one! Body, mind & soul inter-act in
one unity - interacting, inseparable. Man's
functions more than his body. His body expresses
itself more than his mind.

(c) How many, the elements, the flesh
are sub-elements, and how many of
the affections, the mind are traceable
to organic deficiencies. How much
are our emotions dependent upon our
physical condition

(d) No moralist would think of constructing an ethical theory without reference to biology and psychology. No criminal & penal code today would fail to take into account the physical constitution, the culprit before determining his degree of response & punishment —

(e) So that the rel. is vitally interested in the phys. health of men & women; for only upon their basis can fine moral & spirit. health be built. There may be & undoubtedly have been men of rare ability & strength who did great deeds & lived with less in spite of phys. ailments & defect. But for the great human agony, disease, and pain, ~~and~~ as moral deterrents — stumbling blocks to normal, social living & thinking.

(f) I like the phrase *mens sana in corpore sano* etc. I like story of Hillel. Temple! I like to think of the ideal man or woman as strong, vigorous, radiating good-health, active, & powerful and at same time, clear-thinking and right feeling.

3. I wish to congratulate you further upon heroic struggle which you have carried on in behalf of women in the medical profession! Your struggle is part of an age old struggle for the recognition ^{of the place of} woman in all fields of social life for which she qualifies herself.

A woman has struggled hard against ancient tabus which have excluded her from many occupations & professions. Woman has always worked - and worked hard - before Christ. Hence - and she must have had to fight for perhaps a working hand in the best lucrative positions. The factory early assimilated her - and the drapery & lined receive in homes. (1) But for her position where intellect + skill was demanded & rewards proportionate - she had to fight. (2) And for the higher & higher education, she had to fight. There are still great numbers who do not admit women. (3) Frivolous rights & voting the day after - she had to fight - and only yesterday had she seen her major victories. Still

Committee - where she is disfranchised
& Excluded for pol. office. (1) And
particularly did she have to fight -
and still has to fight for professional
rights - for the privilege of sharing prof.
responsibilities. And the medical
profession has been among the last
judging to open its doors to her.

As a nurse - she was early welcomed;
for who else to turn to that test
the tenderness of practice and devotion
than woman! - But as a
practitioner - she has not been so early
welcomed - for no society values her
than Fractures & Tabes.

(2) In building the Woman's Hospital
and providing facilities for ~~the~~ ^{general experience}
internship to women practitioners,
and opportunities for women physicians
- you have done and are doing
pioneering work - and your right
to the satisfaction & reward which
go with pioneer service of all kinds.

4. I have little else to say -
I say your cause is put with the great
cause of human service.

- ① But, it all is faith in the value of
each child for - Irresistible & worthy
of salvation.
- ② ... וְכֵן כֵּן, כֵּן כֵּן. א
 soul is a universe. Savior is soul
is builder of a universe.
- ③ Every small act of service, infinitely
significant — 3 stars - cutters
- ④ Human - Interdependence



1.- The primary need - It ^{protects} ~~protects~~
the health - & that basis to
ask, they else - It ^{relieves}
pain & that is ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{absolute} ~~absolute~~
necessity - It ^{prolongs} ~~prolongs~~ life
& that is a ^{precious} ~~precious~~ gift -
And it ^{protects} ~~protects~~ a ^{man} ~~man~~ against
the ^{various} ~~various~~ epidemics -

You can ^{fully} ~~fully~~ gauge a ^{country's} ~~country's~~
civilization by the ^{kind} ~~kind~~ shops
it has - and ^{we} ~~we~~ can ^{fully} ~~fully~~

well determine the vision of a
1. ^{country} ~~country~~ - by the ^{kind} ~~kind~~ of ^{facilities} ~~facilities~~
they make for the ^{comfort} ~~comfort~~ & ^{eff.} ~~eff.
service of those who are doing
this ^{important} ~~important~~ work~~

2. I am sure that the appeal
of Ch. Hope to the ^{great} ~~great~~ heart of Ch.
will not go ^{unheeded} ~~unheeded~~ - Ch. is a
city of ^{vision} ~~vision~~ & ^{transcendence} ~~transcendence~~ -

1. Exam. papers.
2. Mess Schott for Thursday -
3. Confir matin parts -
4. Harw. 1/3 ?
5. Unpublished -
6. Newton -
- 7.



2. A great city - Jerusalem -

1. Hospital - primary -
1. דחל מלח דחל דחל דחל דחל דחל
2. Akiba, Vint - spells blood.

3. Vindicate our Tradition -
1. דחל דחל דחל דחל

2. דחל דחל דחל דחל דחל דחל
4. unity - cooperation.

5. Answer to Anti-Semites -
1. Epictetus

5. As I see it, your command is
like that of Moses -

1. Sanctuary - 38/11 דחל -

2. Free will offerings - not taxes
1- Spontaneity - (2) Exercise of free will
(3) Active moral experience
(4) joyous -

3. At his heart prompts him

1. דחל דחל דחל דחל
2. mind - sanctum, mandal
3. refuge, citadel, hunger for

Our people will want to share in the holy work of
alleviating suffering, restoring to health & well-being
thousands of poor children who annually ~~appeal~~
turn to charity as to a living Keweenaw. This then

— our slogan — Just Humility shows one a
patient's need — Can for the rest is
part of divine solicitude —

3. Our is a city with an unbroken heart — 6
great city — Q. is not a wilderness —
The poor & needy can turn to us & call us
brother —

(a) — We will all give repaid of faith &
Cred — ^{whereas} ~~there~~ is a common pre — & help as an
common friends — and nevertheless knows
not hedges or peace —

(b) — We will give repaid of our means

"The Sanctuary" — "Gold, silver, Copper"

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES - CEDAR 132-133

Cleveland

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, RABBI

SOLOMON BLUHM

DIRECTOR OF TEMPLE ACTIVITIES



1. A Hospital
2. You can fairly well
3. I am sure that appeal
- will wish to share
- no one that
4. "A great City" is a great
5. will fire - creed
- means - Sanctuary

Hospital
Hospital

Obligations of Hospitals to the Community

Rabbi Silver
by Rev. ~~Joel P. Hayden~~

A. Good care

1. All kinds and varieties

B. Teaching

1. Medical

- x. Medical students
- y. Internes
- z. Staff

2. Nursing

3. Public

- x. Patients
- y. Family
- z. General public

C. Research

1. Cause of disease
2. Efficiency of different treatments

D. Good administration of funds to get end result as outlined above



Obligations of the Community to the Hospitals

Rev. Hayden
by Rabbi Silver

A. Understanding

1. Variety of Services
2. Extensiveness of Services
3. Quality of Services

B. Support by:

1. Advice
2. Sympathy
3. Confidence
4. Actual work
5. Financial

