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PREFACE

I have written this article at the request of Judge Henry D. Harlan, president of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital, and of Mr. George K. McGaw, one of the trustees of the hospital—one of Dr. Hurd's warmest friends and the donor of a large sum of money towards the erection of the Henry M. Hurd Library Building which is to be on the hospital grounds.

It was my good fortune to come to the hospital in 1891, just two years after it opened. In my early years I viewed Dr. Hurd's work from the immature standpoint of the junior intern, later as a senior house officer, and for at least 15 years Dr. Hurd has been one of my very best friends.

It has been a delight to browse through his early writings, to digest the chief events of the hospital as they were sketched by him in the yearly reports, and to epitomize the results of his labors since he retired from the active management of the hospital in 1911. I had always looked upon Dr. Hurd as an indefatigable worker, but until now I have never had the slightest conception of the tremendous amount he has accomplished and of how largely he has been responsible for the phenomenal success of The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The addition of "Some Random Recollections" written by Dr. Hurd himself will undoubtedly prove of interest to his many friends.

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