

Women's Board of Hosp.

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"Intro. (15 min) to SHPH"

I was especially pleased to receive Betty Woodruff's invitation to meet with you and to tell you something about what some have termed 'the best kept secret in Baltimore' - The School of Hygiene & Public Health - not that we have anything to do with the CIA or don't publish what we do - simply that those protected from disease who don't get it don't identify the school is in any way very.

Few indeed appreciate that at 615 N. Wolfe St. is an institution which today is not the country's but the world's largest institution of pub. health

x (and, speaking entirely objectively, the best)

- The oldest institution of its kind - now dating back more than 60 years
- The place where Vit. A + D were discovered and the place where the father of ^{physiology} human nutrition - E. V. McCollum - worked for so many years
- The place where virtually all the basic work was done which laid the foundation for the so-called Salk polio vaccine - probably better called the Bodian vaccine.
- The place where Abel Wolman held sway ~~and~~ of the man who during his lifetime, designed the ^{modern} water and sewage systems for this & other countries
- The home of Bruno Baejer - the great pioneer in occupational medicine
- The first ~~not~~ academic institution to have a department of statistics - now an essential department in every university.
- an institution which, by virtue of training so many of the world's health leaders, is better known abroad than the School of Medicine!

Today, ~~but~~ the activities of the school are no less exciting ^{and} no less important ~~and no less important~~ to you and to the world than they have been over the past 60 years. In fact, I would venture to say that the discoveries and developments being pioneered at the school, ~~and~~ and the people who are being trained ^{and they will be} ~~are~~ ultimately of greater importance to your ^{health} well-being and quality of life than those trained in any other single institution.

The child cured of an otherwise fatal cancer is a dramatic success worthy of headlines. ~~That~~ In the practice of curative medicine, this is a victory. The fact that we ~~have~~ yet failed to discover what caused the child to get cancer in the first place is to us both a challenge and source of dismay.

Or, in an earlier day, curative medicine's success in fitting braces to a polio victim which permitted ~~quite~~ a young engineer to walk and to use his arms is a heart-warming story. That he became paralyzed at all was ~~an~~^{in a} ~~surprise, or failure.~~

In my own experience, we might have built a thousand 500 bed hospitals to treat the 10 to 15 million patients who each year contracted the disease. Instead, we did away with the disease.

~~The medical history~~

~~In a sense, hospitals have been~~
~~one~~ ~~one might say that~~

In ~~an~~^{any} ~~some~~^{one might say that} sense, hospitals have been built and quake & treat those diseases which we in public health and preventive medicine have not yet found a way to prevent. ~~This is not~~ Indeed, our mortality is not something we envisage but we do believe that many more people could live useful, productive and energetic lives & in far older age than they now do.

However, only

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We ~~don't~~ have grateful patients - where we are most successful, we don't have patients at all!

is all 280 full-time ^{hours} what is the school and what does it do. In a nutshell, it is a team of physicians, economists, research scientists, statisticians, nurses, epidemiologists, lawyers and other ^{all} working constantly to ~~prevent~~ identify causes of disease ^{and} to devise better means for ~~treating~~ preventing and treating illness.

Today - we have 3 registries - illustrations from work abroad and at home to try to bring to you more explicitly illustrations of the fantastic spectrum of authority which is present in an institution whose success is greatest when ~~it gets~~ its contribution to the individual well being is least known - Pauline's best kept secret