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WHO that has had the privilege to be connected with St. Bartholomew's Hospital does not know the charm which pervades it? The traditions which have gathered round it through the centuries, the spirit of devotion to the sick inspired by its great founder, and never in its darkest days lost sight of, the fine old square, an oasis of quiet and calm in the seething life of the great city, all these combine to weave a spell about our first Royal Hospital which all those who have served it feel in a greater or less degree.

Nevertheless "the old order changeth, giving place to new." Progress is the law of life, and is it not possible that in the future it may be expedient to remove St. Bartholomew's Hospital to a position where it will carry on an increasingly beneficent work, and where it will have room to expand in accordance with the necessities of the present day?

Briefly, land in the heart of the city is now almost priceless. The strip of land of which the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have obtained the refusal from Christ's Hospital is estimated at so high a cost that it would

seriously cripple their resources, though scarcely sufficing for present needs, while expansion in the future would be quite impossible. Then why not move further from the heart of the City and build an ideal modern hospital, on a site where space, light and room for future development could be secured? The poor are increasingly migrating outside the City boundaries, as the price of land makes the rents asked in the City prohibitive to them. What is more appropriate than that the hospital should be removed also, and set down at their gates? The price obtained for the site of the present hospital would suffice to build the new one, and would provide a considerable annual income. There seems, indeed, every reason for removal, and none against it except the sentimental one, a strong one we own, but one which should certainly give way to practical considerations and to the good of the sick poor. Moreover, given space and opportunity, what fine teaching schools for medical students and nurses could be arranged. Surely the benediction of Rahere, the noble founder of the hospital, which since 1123 has succoured the sick and dying, would rest upon the progress and perfecting of the work which he inspired.

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