

Presentation of Buildings
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the Duke Endowment.

Mr. James B. Duke, in the trust indenture of December 11, 1924, establishing the Duke Endowment, after making provisions for Duke University and various charitable objects, said, among other things regarding Duke University: "I advise that the courses at this institution be arranged with special reference to the training of preachers, teachers, law-years and physicians."

With reference to hospitals he said: "I have selected hospitals as another of the principal objects of this trust because I recognize that they have become indispensable institutions, not only by way of ministering to the comfort of the sick but in increasing the efficiency of mankind and prolonging human life. The advance in the science of medicine growing out of discoveries, such as in the fields of bacteriology, chemistry and physics, and growing out of inventions such as the X-ray apparatus, make hospital facilities essential for obtaining the best results in the practice of medicine and surgery. So worthy do I deem the cause and so great do I deem the need that I very much hope that the people will see to it that adequate and convenient hospitals are assured in their respective communities."

In his will he bequeathed to The Duke Endowment the sum of \$10,000,000 to be administered for the benefit of

Duke University, and with respect to a part of that sum I quote the phraseology from his will as follows: "Said Trustees shall use and expend as soon as they reasonably can after the receipt of said sum not exceeding \$4,000,000 thereof in erecting and equipping, at the Duke University mentioned and described in said trust, buildings suitable for a Medical School, Hospital and Nurses Home under the supervision of said trustees and in all respects as they may determine concerning the same, and the acquisition of such lands, if any, as may be needed for such purpose, said lands, buildings and equipment to be conveyed to and thereafter belong to said Duke University and operated by it."

It now, therefore, becomes my great pleasure, on behalf of the Trustees of The Duke Endowment, into whose hands Mr. Duke committed this charge, to present to the Trustees of Duke University these Medical School and Hospital Buildings. Although Mr. Duke, who so generously made possible the creation of these facilities, which will stand for generations to come as a testimonial to his deep love of humanity, is not present in body unquestionably his spirit pervades this hall today for did I not hear him say that he expected to be looking down upon this work one thousand years hence?