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WE have met to-day to mark a milestone in the history of Stanford University, on the one hand, and in the history of medical education, on the other. It is a milestone that we mark, not an epoch, for epoch-making events do not often appear more than once in a lifetime. But a milestone marks progress, even though after it is set up all shall go on as before.

Stanford University is now twenty-one years old. Its days were opened on a hopeful morning of October in California where all days are hopeful, just twenty-one years ago. It has come of age. It is old enough to be doing the work of a grown university.

And there is no work of the university more worthy or more needed than medical instruction and medical research, the training of men who shall help their fellows in all their bodily ills, on the basis of the best and fullest knowledge, while themselves adding day by day to the world's stock of wisdom. In these days medical research stands on the firing line of the advance of science. There is no branch of knowledge which is moving more rapidly and there is none which contributes equally to the aggregate of human welfare.

We dedicate to-day the home of the Lane Memorial Library of Stanford University to medical practise and medical research. It is the gift of the will of Mrs. Levi Cooper Lane. It begins its existence with a handsome building, adequate for its needs for years to come. When it must be extended we hope that the grateful people of San

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