

hospital schools, the blind, the aged, the infirm. It includes all those, in a word, who must look to the charity of Baltimore's citizenry to protect them from want, to clothe and house them, to cheer their loneliness and perhaps to restore to them the health and activity so necessary to their participation in the struggle for existence with which they are faced.

This unseen audience looks to you this evening to do for them what they are unable to do for themselves—to raise the funds whereby they may be assured of the necessities of life, the medical helps, the care and the attention they need so badly. And in the name of the Giver of all Gifts, they ask you to do your bit to see that at least during the year ahead, they may not want, they may not be the victims of conditions and circumstances that in the great majority of cases are not of their making.

I ask, therefore, as we are assembled here this evening, and contemplate with thanksgiving the satisfactory condition of our homes, as we think with joy of the healthy state of our own children, and the protection afforded those dependent upon us, that we give serious thought to the members of this unseen audience.

Let us resolve that, as a token of our own appreciation for the good things that have been given us, so we in turn will do everything that lies within our power to assure another year of safety, and shelter, of food and medical attention for the great number of our fellow-citizens who today are so badly in need of these bare essentials of life.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DINNER

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Baltimore

THE Maryland Traffic Safety Committee now inaugurates the second of its three scheduled Traffic Safety Weeks, in an attempt to reduce the appalling number of fatal accidents occurring daily upon our streets and highways,—sometimes under our very eyes. We are gathered here to attest our interest, as citizens, in the movement just as throughout the State, groups of our county residents are gathering at this very hour, and throughout this week, to further the program in their own communities, and to lend their aid in every way possible towards saving the lives of many of our fellow Marylanders.

I am sure I need but to mention that, already this year, more than 20,000 inhabitants of these United States have been killed on our roads and streets, as the result of traffic accidents, to impress you that here, indeed, is a problem worthy of our attention. Our own State of Maryland has sadly contributed its share of these fatalities—336 from January 1 of this year to the close of October, yesterday.

You have heard statements like this before; you have seen figures quoted that were close to, or maybe in excess of those to which I have just referred. Some may observe that we might well say about traffic fatalities what a famous American humorist, Mark Twain, once remarked about the weather, that "Everybody talks about it, but no one ever seems to do anything about it." Frankly, I believe that we have neither heard enough, nor done enough, about