

To Daniel C. Gilman

209 W. Monument St. March 6th. 1890

Dear Mr. Gilman

I feel rather conscience-stricken that I have not reported progress to the Ex-Director. Everything works smoothly on the lines laid down by you but a few details will give you an idea of our present condition. We have now had nearly 1000 in-patients & over 11,000 out-patients! Today the ward population is 130 and the income from private patients over \$360.

The new Director is excellent in all respects & gets on well with every one. I do not know ~~that~~ he has quite our appreciation of the Training School tho' he & Miss Hampton are on the best of terms. Halsted is doing remarkable work in Surgery & I feel that his appointment to the University & the Hospital would now be quite safe. Kelly's department is now in full swing. We made a great hit in Sister Rachael who is a bond of peace, but I tell her that she has sadly degenerated, & has so far departed from the faith once delivered to Fox as to frequent play-houses. Miss Hampton has fulfilled Mrs. Gilman's prognosis, and she has been most successful in getting probationers of a high class; but unfortunately she selects them altogether for their good looks & the House staff is by this time in a sad state. The chief is, I fear, hopeless - you remember Keats - "They could not in the self same mansion dwell without some stir of heart &c", but it is not the "gentle Isabel". Miss Parsons as I dare say you have heard has gone to the Maryland General.

The Bulletin you will have already seen & the first two numbers of the Reports. Both start with firm support but the latter may drag a little as it is so hard to get men to write.

I leave April 20th by Etruria & shall be in London about May 6th.

My address will be Brown Bros. Do let me know of your whereabouts as I am most anxious to talk over the Medical School & if possible arrange to go to Cambridge with you. I shall spend the greater part of May & all of June in a systematic inspection of six or eight of the leading German & French clinics & return to London about July 1st.

We follow your progress with great interest and all rejoice that you are having such a good holiday.

With kind regards to Mrs. Gilman,

Yours sincerely

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