

No. 1 West Franklin Street.

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Dear Miss Hampton:-

At a meeting of the Medical Board to-day the question came up about the nursing in the pay wards, particularly with reference to the complaints of the patients as to the rapid rotation and change of nurses. The matter has apparently been talked of a great deal outside of the hospital, and was not brought up by any one directly associated with the hospital, though we all must have felt in certain instances that it is a good deal of a hardship. Dr. Halsted, Dr. Kelly, and myself have been appointed a committee to look into the subject, and we shall need your cooperation and advice. It would be interesting to get details from other hospitals with large private-ward service, particularly the Massachusetts General and the University Hospital of Philadelphia, as to the number of nurses to the cases, and the number of special nurses. It seems to me that if a larger number of the operative and special cases, such as Mrs. P's. case in Ward C at present - if such could more frequently have special nurses, it would be a great gain. The question is one of course which is very important to the hospital and to the training-school, and is deserving of our most careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler

Do think this matter over and devise some plan. Would it be possible to put only the seniors or the graduates in the pay-wards?