

ment is entirely a matter for himself to make. The hospital should assume no responsibility in this matter, when the person does not come to it as a pauper. A person who pays for his own bed has no claims on the hospital corporation for his treatment.

I call upon the medical profession to put an end to this abuse. If a person goes into a hospital and pays \$2.80 a week because this is all he can afford, he will have no difficulty in arranging with some practitioner for his services. This responsibility should always rest with the patient. But when it comes to free attendance upon persons who are well able to pay, a gross injustice is done the medical profession by the hospital which has a rule calling upon its staff to give free attendance on those who are not paupers. I go further and say that members of the profession are doing their fellow-practitioners a wrong when they consent to act on a hospital staff under such conditions. I am glad to state that some hospitals act properly.

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