

the position of attendant in the female ward, then called No. 9. While acting in that capacity, there was a patient, a young colored woman, whose name I don't remember, but which can be easily ascertained from the books of the Hospital, who became ill; she had little or no appetite, and was suffering from a stoppage of water and constipation of the bowels. I told Mrs. Downie, the female supervisor, her condition, and she said that she would let the superintendent know; but there was nothing done for her that day. Finding that she was getting worse, and suffering great pain, I pitied the poor creature, and went down myself to the surgery to tell the doctor; I had to go twice, or I think oftener, before he came, and when he did come, he just looked at her for about a minute, and said that he would ring my bell when the medicine would be ready to send her; but the bell was never rung, and she got no medicine. She had no sick diet, but a little gruel on one occasion, which was brought to the ward by Mrs. Downie, and two or three spoonfuls of which only she was able to take. I remained in the ward only a few days after this, until Dr. McKeagney returned, and I mentioned to Dr. McKeagney just before I left, how this poor patient had been suffering, but he told me that as she was in Dr. DeWolf's hands, it was more than he dare do to interfere in the least, or prescribe for her. I think, to the best of my knowledge, that the day I left the ward was Thursday, and the attendant who took my place, told me that this patient was dead on the *next* Saturday morning.

There was no night nurse or attendant, and this woman was locked up in the bed room with three other patients. During the time she was so very ill, she became frantic, as I thought, with pain, and I found one morning, when I unlocked the bed room door, that she had broken the chamber on another patient's head.

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Sworn to at Dartmouth, this 29th day
of Jan'y., A. D. 1878, before me,
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