

CORRESPONDENCE

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents—Editor.

Nokomis, Sask., June 22nd, 1909.

To the Editor of the Western Canada Medical Journal.

Sir:—In the correspondence pages of your popular journal of May issue I find a letter which concerns me personally, and the reputation of the hospital under my supervision.

The remarks in the afore mentioned article are so mis-leading and void of truth I feel quite justified in repudiating the same for the benefit of the Medical profession in the vicinity, the general public in Nokomis and the towns surrounding.

I might state that the hospital is a private undertaking and is not the result of public subscriptions. While visiting Nokomis last year I was approached by members of the Franklin Realty & Trading Co., with the request that I would consider the advisability of establishing a hospital in the town, at the same time offering as an inducement a free building site and excavation. The foundation or cellar wall for the building was given by some of the people of the town. There was no other subscription made for the building or support of the hospital, nor was there any agreement drawn up for a public hospital or public ward. We did offer to allow any of the church societies or secret orders to support one or more beds in one of the wards, which has never been done.

In one part of his letter your correspondent refers to a case where a clergyman was asked to pay the expenses of a certain patient. While speaking of this case I wish to say that the clergyman brought the patient to the hospital and offered to pay \$15 for the first week and be responsible for the balance. As he was called away to another appointment it was turned over to the town Council who paid \$30 for four weeks care including drug account. At other times we have cared for patients for from two to ten weeks without any remuneration.