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September 25, 1928.

The Honorable Members of the Board of Directors
of the
Houston Negro Hospital,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

We, the members of the Medical and Surgical Staff of the Houston Negro Hospital, beg to submit the following statement on the management of that Institution as it relates to our work there:

There has been great reluctance in taking this step, but believing it to be essential for the success of the Institution, the matter is herein presented:

We are constrained to admit that the Superintendent of the Hospital, Mrs. M. H. Bright, is an easy winner of first contacts whenever she desires to be such, for she can affect a personality that is impressive and convincing; and to the unwary and inexperienced, and to those who have no intimate contact with her, the most favorable opinion will be conveyed of her character and temperament. On the other hand, even her first contact with others is painfully displeasing to the latter, when the Superintendent assumes the other side of her dual personality.

However, we shall not, here, enter into a detailed and minute account of the conditions and incidents which very manifestly portray our subject, but it may be stated that they all tend to prove conclusively and unequivocally that Mrs. M. H. Bright as Superintendent of the Houston Negro Hospital is (1) a veritable tyrant and despot; (2) that she is maliciously designing, and a bearer of tales, unfounded and unwarranted; (3) that she is harsh and unsympathetic; and (4) that she is wholly deficient in tact and diplomacy.

These assertions can be substantiated by individual Physicians, Nurses and other employes or former employes of the Institution, and even by members of the Houston public who have had contact with the hospital as visitors.

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To sum up, we beg to further state, that public opinion in the city of Houston is almost unanimously opposed to Mrs. Bright's Superintendency at the Houston Negro Hospital, because of the very widespread knowledge amongst them of her tyranny and lack of sympathy.

The conditions as set forth above have so hampered and impeded the progress and general welfare of the Institution that we are unmistakably convinced that the removal of Mrs. Bright as Superintendent, and the severance of her connection with the Institution in any capacity, is the only safe and satisfactory solution to the problems that now confront us at this much needed Institution.

Thanking you, Gentlemen, for this, your esteemed favor, and trusting that this matter will receive your earnest attention.

We beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

Members of the Medical and Surgical Staff of the Houston Negro Hospital.

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| (Signed) | H. E. Lee, Chairman. | M. D. |
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