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Judge W.W. Moore,
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Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. Replying I beg to advise as follows: Nurse Newby was invited by telegram which requested that she report for duty at once. I immediately received reply by telegram accepting the offer and saying she would report for duty July 5th, upon receipt of her telegram I wrote her a letter an expression of gratitude for her accepting our offer and giving directions how to reach us.

I did not hear from her anymore until she came in at 11:40 the night of the 8th. The position offered was Operating Room and Surgery. With no message from her and realizing the seriousness of the situation caused by the absence of a worker for that department, I employed another young woman.

Why

The operating room nurse makes supplies for the whole house and is responsible for the care of the doctors instruments. And may I add that at present there are complaints of missing valuable instruments for which we are unable to account.

I truly was not expecting this nurse after such a delay. Upon her arrival I sent her to a private room. This room had been engaged and paid for by a patient who was in the ward waiting operation. Two days later (nights) I advised the Nurse that the room was engaged and would be taken next day but that she might move to another room used for nurses. To this she objected and offered to go then (11:30 P.M.). I of course protested and offered supper as she had just come in. She refused, and said she would go tomorrow which she did taking her own time.

I called the nurses in the house together and we talked of some means of helping this young woman who according to our knowledge of Nursing Principles had forfeited her right to the work. Vacations were discussed and posted so as to come as soon as possible and she was offered relief service. To this she declined. I then delivered to her in person a letter offering to her the next best position in the house-this she has not accepted or even agreed to talk about.

While Nurse Newby was in the house every courtesy was shown her by all.

I regret beyond expression this outburst and feel that I acted in effort to protect the interest of the institution.

Please find enclosed copies of all communications bearing on this matter.

You would doubtless be interested to know that this young woman told me that she left the point in North Carolina from which she was engaged on Wednesday. This would make her two day's travel five days because of poor connection.

With every action I have and am still trying to promote the welfare of the hospital which lies near and dear to us all.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) M. H. BRIGHT
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cc WWM 7-15-29 to

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