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during my term in either the Medical or the Surgical Wards. I used alcohol in but few cases comparatively, mostly in washing fractured limbs and the backs of patients who were confined to their beds. So that I think that Mr. Bourke might to be forced to give some true Explanation for the increased amount of the drug-bills.

If Mr. Bourke's statement is to weigh against mine, I think that I ought to be allowed the advantage of the testimony of my chiefs as to my conduct during my service in the Hospital-wards; but I am sure that you will make all due allowance for Mr. Bourke's accusations, when you know how much his judgment is warped by his senseless dislike for me.

I desired to set this matter right before the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Hospital.

With kind regards, I remain

Very sincerely Yours

Dr. J. S. Hancock