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best for the Hospital, and for the patients at its wards, no matter for the contributors and the community - not forgetting the Church in Philadelphia, for and under and in behalf of which we act and hold our place.

Now, under this sense of responsibility as well as the strongest personal interest and as a "Hospital man", my first impulse was to object at once and entirely to the project of giving up a ward to the use of an officer and his attendants, not under the control of the Hospital authorities, for the professional care of patients to be treated and provided with "quarters, food, medicines and nursing" in that ward, at "pay patients" of the Hospital.

But further consideration and direct inquiry of the Marine Hospital Officer have satisfied me (and the Dr. C. Browne and Dr. Robt. Miller of the subcommittee) that the new arrangement will amount only to the collecting together in one ward and under one resident, selected and appointed by ourselves and subject to our regulations, of a certain number of "private pay patients" for the "professional care" of which we can not and will not be held responsible although they and their condition, upon the actual treatment, will be as much under our observation and at least moral control as ~~[illegible]~~ can be the condition of any other patient or collection of patients in the house - our diet table and our ordinary medicines alone will be used, and with more care, method and economy, because