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CORRESPONDENCE.

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I hope you will be good enough to express an opinion concerning the obligation of the physician last in attendance to give a death certificate, it being understood that the patient had not been seen by the physician for some time before death. I would also like to know whether the class of cases under consideration could be seen by the health wardens or not.

In addition to what I said in my letter to Dr. Bosley, I feel that the dispensary ought to grant death certificates in all cases in which death occurs from some chronic disease, such as tuberculosis or nephritis, provided it occurs within two or three weeks after the last visit to the dispensary.

Regretting to have to trouble you, and thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. Whitridge Williams.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, January 23, 1908.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

As requested by your favor of January 4th, I have considered the correspondence between Dr. Williams and Dr. Bosley, and also Dr. Williams' letter to yourself.

Dr Williams desires to know:-

1. Whether the physician who attended a deceased person prior to death can be required to give a certificate of death in cases where he had not seen the patient for some time prior to the patient's death. In such cases there may, of course, be doubt as to whether the deceased died from the illness for which the physician treated him, or from some other cause.

2. Whether in cases of this kind the Health Wardens can

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