A Defense of Its Accommodations and a Denial of Charges Against It.

To the Editor of The New York Times: Having read the letter in your paper of May 1 referring to the mismanagement of the Long Island College Hospital, and particularly attacking the nursing service, I take the liberty of offering a reply to the same. Having been connected with this hospital for two years, I cannot allow such gross calumnies of a superior institution which is my Alma Mater to pass without contradiction.

The writer of the letter mentioned above states that there is only one bathroom on the second floor of the Hospital, which does not hold an average of twenty-five patients and there are three bathrooms. Dressings and soiled linens are never put in them. When the dressings are bed, the same is completed and the waste is taken by an orderly from the engine room and the contents are burned. The basins are then washed, disinfected, and put in a closet with the other appliances used for surgical dressings.

An amazing writer is subjected to taking a bath in the hospital bathtub. That only goes to show the want of knowledge among a certain class of persons. It is regrettable that no one seems to have the faintest idea of the antiseptic, for after each time a bath is used, it must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Then he or she who has charge of the bathroom, under the supervision of the senior nurse, then rinsed with a solution of bichloride of mercury.

The food also was unsatisfactory to our fastidious taste. All this is an illusion. It is true that by our experience we have found that patients who have a sense of the general welfare are the happiest in their homes are those who complain and find fault, and that when the hospital begins to do anything about one of its institutions; even if it is in the face of the fat of the land, one grows tired of it; but this in no way argues in a hospital that a system must be maintained. I have been in other hospitals which have broken down because of different persons connected with them, and that of the Long Island College Hospital compares favorably with any.

The private rooms and wards of the Long Island College Hospital are spotlessly clean. The floors are swept and washed every day, and if necessary, often. The sanitary features of the hospital are cleanliness of all the surroundings to see the insanitary conform with the hygiene of the time, which does not, and receive the same kind attention. We are in a hospital for the sick, and we have to fill an order is unknown at the Long Island College Hospital. It is a matter of fact that there are no admissions every two or three hours night and day, according to the physician's instructions, and that there are countless patients who grumble and find fault with the treatment they have received, but every hospital has had experience with such people, for they are always known to be quite law on the subject and therefore cannot be here applied, for I know and have examined the doctors, nurses, and patients in the Long Island College Hospital who have said that they did not know what was going on. It was possible to make an illusion so comfortable, and if they ever again needed medical treatment they would certainly go to the Long Island College Hospital.

The complaint against the throat and lobar disease, typhoid fever, &c., are mixed up in the wards with others less serious. Let us only regard typhoid, which, as every one knows who is at all instructed in the subject, is a most contagious disease. It is absolutely no danger so long as proper precautions are observed. I do not think that there is ever an edge over separated in any hospital in this country, and I have observed the same in other hospitals. It is a fact that the Long Island College Hospital is the only one in the province of the nurse—unless he means suppurating surgical cases, which is not done, nor can be medical ward, and are treated separately in what are called surgical wards.

I am glad to be able to say of the statement of plain and accurate. In this case, I can refute the statements made in the New-York Times of May 1. Respectfully yours, A. D.