

W. C.  
Personal

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Doctors Thabes, Bedoux and Ubel  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I thought that you would be interested in knowing the present condition of Mrs. Simons. Since coming to Lawrence, she has been given five transfusions; and last night the doctor informed me that her hemo-globin, which was 28 when she arrived in Lawrence, was 68 yesterday. The blood count, which was down to about a million when she arrived in Lawrence, is now about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million.

While you will be interested in this, you doubtless will be more interested in what I found out in regard to the giving of transfusions. At St. Joseph's, the same tube is used over and over again, and one of the sisters told Mrs. Simons that she feared that the girls sometimes did not thoroughly cleanse the tubes, which might cause trouble. We found it is the practice of Lawrence Memorial Hospital to never use the same tube twice. In this way, if the tubes are kept sterile before being used, there is no possible way in which they can become contaminated by reason of previous use.

We appreciate all you did for Mrs. Simons and think that you may have been the means of saving her life at that time. While we are fully aware of the fundamental nature of her trouble, we cannot help feeling encouraged over the improvement in her blood.

No answer to this letter is necessary unless you wish to do so.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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