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Dear Mrs Mc Vicar,

I regret that, owing to the necessity of forwarding, there has been an unavoidable delay in answering your very kind letter. First of all, may I say how deeply appreciative I am of the honour that the Johns Hopkins Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association has done me in even thinking of me in connection with the preparation of the history of the School.

My first reaction was to wonder whether any nurse who is not herself a graduate of the School ought to attempt so delicate a task. The recording of facts would be relatively simple but a sympathetic interpretation of them might well be beyond me. However, I was heartened to see that some of my old friends are members of your Committee and, while knowing my limitations, are apparently willing to overlook them.

I am very much interested in the project and, if circumstances permit, would like to have a share in it. Perhaps it might be helpful at this point if I were to tell you something about my own situation. I am acting as consultant to the Canadian Nurses Association in relation to a project which, while it does not require full-time, does involve a certain responsibility on my part. I see no reason, however, why I could not handle both tasks provided that it would not be necessary for me to be absent from Montreal for too long a period at any one time. I am assuming that the assembling and examination of the material would have to be done in Baltimore but that some of the preliminary drafting and the actual writing of the book might be undertaken in Canada. So far as I am aware at present, a beginning might be made at or about the third week in November.

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