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Dear Blanche :

I am grateful for your prompt reply and shall await further bulletins as to your movements. In the meantime I shall try to answer your "specific questions" as specifically as I can.

So far, I have not come across any documentary reference by Adelaide Nutting either with respect to the endowment of schools of nursing in general or the endowment of the ~~particular~~. Chapter, line and verse cannot therefore be rendered to you although I agree that the idea "must have been tumbling around in her head long before 1914." As you already know, I am just beginning the baffling task of trying to piece together the formal and extremely reticent records made by Miss Nutting herself. These are deceptively clear, cool and detached and yet one feels that fire is burning not far below the surface. If, as I get in deeper, I happen to come across any positive or even presumptive evidence, I will let you have a word at once. Have you thought of writing to Georgia Nevins on this point or perhaps to Miss Dock? The former, especially, might be able to give you a lead. I have never heard of any publication that deals with endowment of educational institutions. I am taking for granted that you have been in contact with TC and the University of California.

The CNA convention is in full swing nearly a thousand strong. Able young leadership is making itself felt. I have a sense of harvest as I watch some of my own students. Don't you share this satisfaction? I am sure you must in an even greater measure.

Do not talk to me about "charm" in writing -- that has become a fighting word with me. What I am striving for is clarity and truth for I have a feeling that when both of us are gone (and not until then) that our book may prove to be something more than a sentimental eulogy of a single school -- it may prove an authentic record of an important epoch in the history of nursing in the United States of America.

I am now going out to chase ~~skins~~ out of my strawberry patch and pick a saucerful for myself.

Will get into touch with you again soon.

Affectionately

Ethel Johns