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My dear Blanche:

This precipitate reply is due to the fact that I am not sure how much longer you will be in California and I want to catch you before you are on the wing.

As you probably know, the first draft of my mss. covering the period up to and including the Hampton regime is now in the hands of the History Committee and is going the rounds of its members for "critical appraisal and review." So far there have been only distant echoes but I gather that there is no great enthusiasm. However, one kind soul (name unknown to me) did say that the mss. was succinct and smooth flowing. Since I had gone to great pains to make it so, I was cheered accordingly.

I told Mrs. Brack that as soon as the Committee had finished with the mss. I should be glad if you would have a look at it. Mrs. McVicar is in charge while Mrs. Brack is away for the summer so I expect you will be hearing from her in due course. I shall await your verdict with considerable anxiety.

It is a comfort to be assured that the book is intended to serve as "a history of the School." This has been my own conviction from the outset and I intend to adhere to it throughout. It will not be easy to separate the extra-curricular activities of IH and MAN from their work in the JHH but I believe it can be done by applying the criterion that you suggest: "Did they affect the development of the School?" In the case of IH especially they certainly appear to have done so to a considerable extent. I am less sure about MAN. In any event, too much space cannot be devoted to them or they will cloud the main issues.

The halcyon days are here, warm and balmy, a light breeze from the sea heavy with the scent of flowers. The Vancouver summer usually lasts about three weeks and we have already had two of them. The next and last will be gobbled up by the Biennial Convention of the Canadian Nurses Association who this year meet at the University of British Columbia -- better take them. As soon as they depart, I shall put on my slacks and go into my back garden to wrestle with the spirit of Adelaide Nutting and (incidentally) try to keep the greedy robins from gobbling up my poor sour little strawberries.

Congratulations on your typing. It is a time-saver isn't it? As soon as you have read the mss. do send me a word, no matter what, and put me out of my misery.

Affectionately,

Where can you be reached during the summer months?

