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September 30, 1949

Dear Mrs Brack :

That was a grand letter. "Miss Pfefferkorn arrives Tuesday to begin work....." Good news for everyone concerned and especially for EJ. I am going to write to her in a day or two.

Thank you for letting me look at the VanBlarcom material. I have made excerpts from the few references to the earlier years but, as you say, the outstanding accomplishment came long after 1907. I am very glad, however, to get all the light I can on the women who were on the staff during the formative period of the School. In more than one instance, they were remarkable personalities in their own right although inevitably overshadowed by the brooding figure of Adelaide Nutting.

After a miserable week of sitting in front of my typewriter, "heart of me, head of me dull as a stone", I have at last begun to feel that before long I may really get rolling. The advent of Blanche Pfefferkorn has acted as a catalyzing agent and I shall count on her for stimulus to keep me going.

The little house is just beginning to look as though it might some day be a real home. Handymen and plumbers still rage horribly but one of these fine mornings I shall throw the whole lot out on their respective ears. And every day (except Sunday) I shall sit me down to write. Some evenings I shall tear it all up - but some evenings I shan't.

So here's hoping,

your faint but pursuing

Ethel Johns

P.S. Will you please sign and return the accompanying receipt for the original Van Blarcoms? Thank you. Salutations to the family. Shall look forward to hearing from you often.

Received from Ethel Johns:

Two original letters from Carolyn Conant Van Blarcom.
Record of activities of Carolyn Van Blarcom
Biographical Brochure: Carolyn Van Blarcom

Signed : Date: