4519 West Fifteenth Avenue

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Dear Mrs Brack :

First of all, I should like to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a cheque for five hundred dollars this being the first of four similar payments which are to be made to me at intervals of one year. This arrangement will be most helpful to me and I am grateful to you and to the Association for making it possible. My own record of the amount expended by the Association in connection with expenses incidental to the preparation of the manuscript corresponds with yours — that is to say $684.77 — but, as you suggest, additional expense will have been incurred before it is finally ready for publication. The sum that has been set aside for this purpose appears more than ample and certainly will not be exceeded.

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a brief statement which, if you approve of it, might form a part of the report of the Chairman at the forthcoming meeting.

With kindest regards,

yours very sincerely

(Ethel Johns)

P.S. Yesterday there were four yellow crocuses in the garden. Today, there are six inches of wet snow.

For possible inclusion in the Report of the Chairman of the History Committee

It was a real pleasure, and in some sense a great relief, to receive the assurance of the History Committee th t my manuscript in its present form appears to be historically correct as well as reasonably satisfactory in the manner of its presentation. Considerable work obviously remains to be done before it is ready for final submission and in the light of criticisms and suggestions recently received from the Editorial Committee I am now engaged in further revision of certain parts of the text.

It will perhaps be remembered that from the outset I have contended that no one but a member of the School could acceptably describe and interpret the events and the policies which from 1907 until the present time have affected its development and it is most fortunate that one so eminently well qualified as Miss Blanche Pfefferkorn has been willing to undertake this delicate and difficult task. For myself I can only say that, as a wilful and totally unreconstructed mid-Victorian, it has been a strange and profoundly moving experience to trace the history of the School during the earlier years and to reflect as faithfully as I could something of what went on in the hearts and minds of the men and women who then guided its destinies. Although I did my best to be sternly objective, it must be freely admitted that by reason of birth I ~~am~~ share the spiritual and national inheritance of two of the principal protagonists and that, therefore, the detachment rightly required of the historian may not always have been strictly preserved. At least I can justly claim that I have ~~shown~~ shown these men and women, in their habit, as they lived and worked, for I have drawn heavily upon the records which they themselves set down -- they not only made history, they ~~wrote~~ wrote it.

(Ethel Johns)

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