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Dear Miss Pfefferkorn :

It was very kind of you to send me a copy of your report to the Committee on the History of the School of Nursing. It has been read with keen interest and I should like to make the following comments concerning it.

"Some of our Graduates -- their Contribution to Nursing"

I am entirely in accord with the views which you express on pages 3 and 4 of your report and especially with your statement that "this volume is a history and not a book of biographical studies." I realize, however, that the solution of this thorny problem will not be easy to find.

Total Number of Pages :

In my judgment, the total length of the history should not exceed 350 pages of printed matter, including appendices and index. The complete ^{should not be more unwieldy} *volume* than the Chesney history but a careful selection of format and typography might make it possible to include more subject matter within this limitation. The advice of any reliable publisher would be helpful and should be sought at an early date.

Index :

I ^hheartily agree that a comprehensive index is both necessary and desirable.

Overall Title :

The suggested title does not seem to me to be at all suitable and I am definitely opposed to its use. I should like more time to reflect before suggesting alternatives.

Introduction and Acknowledgments :

I doubt whether any joint statement could be prepared which would be equally satisfactory to both authors and therefore suggest that each of us should write her own. However, a brief preface, indicating the basis of their collaboration, should be prepared jointly and signed by both authors.

Possible visit to Baltimore:

I shall probably be in the vicinity of Baltimore early in October and shall take this opportunity of checking my manuscript with certain original sources. Would it be possible for us to confer at this time on several important points, particularly the management of footnotes and the preparation of the ~~ix~~ index? An early reply would be appreciated.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the chairmen of the History Committee and the Editorial Committee.

With kind regards,

yours sincerely

June 17, 1952 / Postscript:

Your letter of June 13 and the accompanying manuscript have just been received. The MSS will be read and returned in the course of a few days.

E. Johns