

C/O The Canadian Nurses Association  
1411 Croscent St., Montreal, Canada

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Dear Mrs McVicar,

I am so sorry that there has been an unavoidable delay in answering your very kind letter. At the Canadian Nurses Association convention in New Brunswick, it was decided that an immediate approach to our Federal Government would be necessary in connection with the new health programme which is soon to be initiated on a nation-wide scale. I was asked to prepare the necessary brief and, as this had to be done at top-speed, I have hardly had a moment to devote to personal affairs. However, we were well received by the Minister of Health yesterday and hope that all will now go well so far as nursing is concerned.

I must now hasten to thank you for sending me the very encouraging vote of confidence which was passed at the recent meeting of the History Committee. It touched me very deeply and I am most grateful. I still feel, however, that the question of the editorship needs further consideration on the part of all concerned and especially by the editorial committee. Would it be satisfactory to you and to Miss Wolf if I were to return early in September and to proceed with the organization of the source material that I have already assembled and classified? It would thus be possible for the work to go on while you are arranging for such conferences as you may think desirable. I am quite willing to withdraw my resignation until the entire project can be reconsidered in the light which I am sure these conferences will shed on it.

Please do not even think of reserving an apartment for me. I like my comfortable high-ceilinged room in the Main Home and should be lonely and miserable anywhere else. If I should not be in the way I should greatly prefer to continue to work in the Historical Library but I quite realize that there may be reasons why this arrangement might not be convenient and if so, I can easily fit in somewhere else.

I should be very much obliged if you could let me know at your earliest convenience whether all these arrangements would be acceptable to you and to Miss Wolf. I have been asked by the Canadian Nurses Association to take on certain responsibilities and my response would be affected by whatever decision you and Miss Wolf may see fit to make.

Cordially yours

Ethel Johns