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Dear Jessie Black McVicar :

I am sincerely sorry that there has been so long a delay in answering your kind letters. I do wish that I could have shown you the beauties of Montreal. The truth is that the process of moving into the new abode was almost too much for the old girl and she just about keeled over. It was very difficult to get help of any kind and grappling with packing cases which were too heavy for me laid me low. Now, things are straightening out a bit. My famous material is arranged in a more or less orderly cupboard, my typewriter is ensconced in a sunny nook off the kitchen (really intended for a dining room) and there are signs that I am beginning to roll although a bit creakily.

The very best sort of encouragement came when I heard that Blanche Pfefferkorn had consented to take on "the later years." She is an acknowledged authority on nursing education, she is one of your most distinguished graduates, and she has a will and a mind of her own. We have collaborated once before and I hope that the association will be equally happy this time.

It is perhaps a good thing that the source material has lain fallow for a time. AS I work on it now I see relationships which did not occur to me at first especially in relation to the very beginning of things in 1867. The many excerpts from the "Tutting Collection" are beginning to form a pattern in my mind. Here's hoping I won't make a botch of them. I shall be bothering you to verify statements from time to time and I hope that you still have access to "Mrs Johnson's cupboard" of happy memory. It is not easy to work so far from the base but I think that you will understand that there are compensating advantages.

Do let me have a word soon.

With all good wishes and kind regards to you both.,

sincerely yours

Ethel Johns