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Dear Mrs McVicar :

I was so pleased to receive your extremely interesting letter and to learn that you are continuing your labours as associate editor. How glad I am that I made a firm stand last March and insisted that one of your own distinguished graduates be induced to take over the "1906 and all that." Blanche is the right choice. She has a mind and will of her own and her standing in the field of nursing education is acknowledged by everyone. I have been meaning to write to her but have been so horribly busy that there has not been a moment to spare.

Getting settled was not easy and the process is far from complete. However, I am now down to a regular schedule and am plugging steadily along the line indicated in my topical outline. The pre-1889 days are tough going but worth doing thoroughly. A tremendous amount of condensation is necessary if they are not to outweigh later developments and that means writing and re-writing. Progress should be more rapid once I get the School opened! But it was those early days which really set the pattern and I find the association of President Gilman with the Hospital and School most significant.

I am trying to keep out of nursing affairs but still get tangled up in more speech-making than I really want to do. I have joined the University Women's Club and am enjoying it very much, also the Alliance Francaise so as to hold on to my French. I miss my Quebec friends very much.

I will let you know how I am progressing from time to time and one of these days I may have to bother you for some references I can't seem to trace.

All good wishes to you both,

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