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Dear Blanche :

It was good of you to return the extra mss. so promptly. Thank you very very much. Now to answer your questions.

1. The copy of the mss. now in your possession can be retained by you as long as ever you like. It should, however, be remembered that it is only an unrevised draft and is not precisely identical with the draft which is now in the hands of the Committee in Baltimore. By the way, only one copy has been sent to the Committee. The remaining copy is in my hands. I am unwilling to have any more copies in circulation.
2. As I told Mrs Brack, I should be grateful if the draft which is in your hands should not be shown to anyone else and that when you have completely finished with it, it will be returned to me. If you want to hang on to it until your part of the job is completed, that will be alright with me. Mark it up but please do not mutilate it. Bring it with you.

The points that you raise in your letter of November 15 are all well taken and I shall look forward to going over them with you when you arrive in Vancouver. By that time, I ought also to have heard from the Committee which is, I understand, to hold a meeting during the last week of November. By that time the members will probably have read the mss. dealing with the Nutting regime and will be prepared to comment on it. In the meantime, I have locked the whole thing up in a trunk and am not even thinking about it. I realize that I have gone a bit stale. If, however, there are any points you would like to raise do not hesitate to drop me a line and I will do my best to elucidate.

The two sections which I still intend to write will deal with the beginnings of public health activities such as district nursing in direct association with the JHH School of Nursing, and with a summing up of the influence of IH and MAN on the development of the School. Both of these I wish to discuss with you before I even begin to block them out. There also remains the question of the history of the Alumnae Association itself. As you will doubtless have noted, I have sketched in the main outline of its origin and made brief references to some of its activities when it was necessary to do so. Am I right in supposing that the role of the Association will figure largely in your part of the book?

I do hope the floods are not affecting your part of the world. I know from experience what havoc they can bring in sunny California. British Columbia ought, according to the Boards of Trade, to be Canada's evergreen playground -- at the moment it is covered with sparkling snow. Beautiful but hateful.

Again thanking you and looking forward to hearing that you are headed north,