

Friday Oct 10 1930

Bessie ~~Hold~~
Crowell

Dear Bessie:—

I've been here 8 days now and as you may ^{miss} might suppose the uppermost feeling is one of strangeness to so many new people in the office, ^{missing TRP and} ^{getting adjusted takes time apparently.} ~~and that~~ It's rather unsettling — at least today seems to be the first time I've gotten a day's work done and according to my own taste.

~~On the sixth~~ — Last Monday I had a long talk with FFR about you and your work. His mind is quite made up to the immediate and important advantage it would be to have your help in developing nursing in Europe, and in view of ~~what~~ conversations ^{you} ~~with~~ Mason and ^{him} ~~you~~ and Mason I presume it's hardly news to you. I told him I thought his work wouldn't be a go without you and that your work wouldn't be a full blown success without further development ^{+ extension} into the PH field. It wouldn't surprise me if he were to ask you to ^{assume} a formal responsibility for work in the PHD within a month or so. Obviously it rests with you and him to arrive at an agreement, but my feeling is that you would be ^{right} ~~wise~~ to see in this slow and deliberate action of his an opportunity to advance nursing farther and protect it

longer than is possible under the present M.S. program. As I told
#you I came here decided, in case no one in the RF wanted to
back nursing in Europe beyond the present MS program, to try
to reverse (and extend) that program myself. That was based on
my opinion of your usefulness and the value of nursing as you see ^{it} them.
A good deal better opportunity has come ^{now} however and I think you
don't need a long letter to explain why it's preferable for you
to take it on. ^{You keeping out of 9H.D. would be a poor background for me to argue from in}
^{if you like to} support of overriding an M.S. program.

~~My present title is ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{staff} of the 9H.D. - so far~~
~~as official position goes I'm practically a bystander if 9H.D.~~
~~offers you a place in the staff of the 9H.D. If I am invited~~
to come to NY permanently you can count on me as much as
ever, if I'm not, the same holds true. But because I see a
bigger chance for you in the 9H.D. I should urge you, ^{whether I'm} here or in
Paris, to take it.

You've treated me superlatively. If my efforts to help you
deserve the name of help you can use your cat's whiskers to tell
you why it was given — out of respect and admiration and
affection, which you can continue to count upon whether I'm
here or there.

Yours as usual

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