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October 23, 1918.

Dear Miss McGroarty,

The students have asked me to explain to you that the clergymen who preach at the college are in a little different position from other outside people. They have to be fed here and our quarantine forbids students inviting them to take dinner in the halls as they usually do when there is no quarantine.

I should be very grateful to you therefore if you would kindly give them dinner when the students see you to arrange for it, sending the Comptroller a bill for the dinner which I will O.K. and charge to the Religious Life Committee. Then they wish to spend the night I should also be very much obliged if you would try to arrange for them to do so, treating the bill for breakfast, etc. in the same way. They do the college a great kindness by speaking to the students and we try to make it as little unpleasant and uncomfortable for them as possible.

Until the quarantine is lifted no one not a member of the teaching or executive staff of the college ought to be allowed to go into the College Tea-room. This rule holds also for mothers living at the College Inn. We do not allow them to eat in the halls of residence during the quarantine and we cannot allow them to eat in the Tea-room where so many students and children of the Model School come.

I am hoping very much to be able to have a talk with you soon. By the middle of next week I shall have worked myself through the most urgent matters.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary F. McGroarty
The College Inn.