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My dear Braisted:

It has been a source of great annoyance to me to be compelled to send to the Bureau so much correspondence concerning the matter of uniform at the San Francisco Training Station.

The subject, however, demands attention in view of the personal attitude of Surgeon Rossiter.

I will not repeat my expressions of disapproval of Surgeon Rossiter but wish to emphasize that I do not consider that his judgment as a medical officer, especially in connection with uniform, indicates fitness for promotion.

Now that officers will be promoted by selection their military tendencies and their judgment in administrative positions should be carefully considered and in these respects I consider Surgeon Rossiter decidedly lacking. If his ideas concerning uniform prevailed in the Navy, personal uncleanness would be rampant, military appearance would be in all respects bad, and I believe the health of the men would be menaced by wearing knitted garments as Surgeon Rossiter recommends.

I am trying very hard to prevent influenza from getting into the ships and stations on this coast as you will see by the quoted orders in my endorsement. For the present the conditions are excellent.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,


C. F. Johnson