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September 26, 1918.

Dear Miss Taft,

Have you the copy of the regulations concerning excuses for periods, etc. that we agreed on with the undergraduate committee? We shall have to correct the health rules to accord with it exactly. Will you not go over it with Miss Maddison and make the necessary corrections in the health rules. It is important that there should be no misunderstanding about these regulations and it is exceedingly difficult to express them clearly. I enclose you a copy of the old health rules.

I expect to be away tomorrow and Saturday, returning to Bryn Mawr on Sunday. I always try to take two months vacation in order to go through the next year and I succeeded in getting only six weeks this summer so I am going away this week-end. It is my last chance before college opens. I shall be in my flat at Atlantic City, B 4, Eden Apartments, Iowa Avenue and Boardwalk. The telephone number is Atlantic City 4246.

I am writing to Dr. Rea to ask exactly what hours she can give us. She was to find out and let me know but she has not done so. You will have to call her up at the infirmary and find out. It seems necessary for her to keep office hours in the afternoon from 4 to 5.30, which should be put on the students' notices, and from 8 to 8.30 in the morning which will leave from 8.30 to 9.30 I hope for visits to the halls if necessary. If she must start for Philadelphia at 9 o'clock we shall have to make 8.30 to 9 answer for hall visits. The wardens say that a great many students go to her in the morning.

I am anxious about Miss Reed who has what might be Spanish influenza and is ill at the Inn. I have not been able to get either

Dr. Branson or Dr. Rea to move her over to the Bryn Mawr Hospital and I heard today that the returning students are going in to her room to visit her. Of course we cannot have any control over her at the Inn. If we cannot get her to the Bryn Mawr Hospital let us move her to our Infirmary. Dr. Rea is there and Miss Mills is coming today. Will you not see to this.

We have succeeded in getting Adeline Werner, now Mrs. Verry, to take the position of warden of Rockefeller which is very nice. We asked her to be warden of Denbigh first but after consulting Miss Martha Thomas <sup>Miss Ehlers</sup> and ~~Professor Donnelly~~ we decided that Rockefeller was the more important job and that Denbigh could much better be left without a warden until later. Miss Ehlers has opened Denbigh and the last year's housekeeper who has returned is competent to take care of the hall until a warden can be appointed. Everyone whom we have written to so far has been unable to come for one reason or another. Adrienne Kenyon who is now Mrs. Franklin wrote that she was expecting her baby to be born in October but that she would bring the baby with her to Bryn Mawr and begin her duties as warden the first of November. <sup>if we wanted her.</sup> This of course was impossible.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Helen Herron Taft  
Taylor Hall.