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October 7, 1918.

Dear Miss McGrearty,

On account of the great difficulty of getting servants and the overcrowded condition of Yarrow and Lew Buildings the Board of Managers of Lew Buildings and the administration of the college have had to agree on a rule to operate without exception, not to take outside people, even those connected with the college, and to confine the giving of meals to the tenants of these two houses and, after the quarantine is lifted, to their guests for single meals. This means that the professors who have been taking meals at these two houses will come and ask you for them. In this case we should be very much obliged, if you cannot take an unlimited number, if you would give the preference to people connected with the college. The servant difficulty is so great that we must help them out if we possible can. It is a great question whether it pays to take people for single meals as they eat so much more than people who come for at least two meals a day. The cost of furnishing single meals ought to be watched and if necessary the prices will have to be raised.

I understand you cannot give luncheon to any professors - this refers to breakfast & dinner -

The wardens want me to ask you whether during the time that the students are quarantined you could not arrange to have on hand biscuits, sweetened and unsweetened, little pots of jam, apples and war-sandy for the students as they cannot buy anything in the village and we have forbidden them to go to Mrs. Miller's tea room. I think also that while the quarantine lasts we ought to make an effort to keep anyone not connected with the college from going into the ^{tea room} ~~tea room~~ at the Inn. We are so very much afraid of infection.

W. H. Miller
The Health Department has informed the students that

after today, Monday, they will not be permitted to take meals with their parents at the Inn. We should be very glad if you would cooperate with us in carrying out this rule and refuse meals to students, and if they get in without your knowing it send their names to Dean Taft so that she may deal with them. We must be very strict in punishing the breaking of quarantine or we will not be able to enforce it at all.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary F. McGrath
The College Inn.

Also during quarantine no people ^{living} living off the campus except our own professors and their wives may enter the classroom.