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October 21, 1918.

Dear Mr. Hurst,

Rosa Reed called me up and told me that when she was engaged at the Infirmary by Miss Mills she was not told that her salary would be \$4 a day with the understanding that she should bring her lunch. She therefore feels that as she was not told she ought not to have the cost of her lunch deducted from the \$4. I told her that we would not deduct the lunch up to the time when you told her but that after this time she must bring her lunch. Dr. Reed tells me that she has been doing this. As Rosa has been working only part of the day you will have to get her hours from Miss Mills.

We are also in difficulty with Rosa's sister, Helen Reed, the colored trained nurse. She agreed to work by the month for \$30 a week and I agreed to pay her mother \$6 a week for her board, which her mother told me would give her a considerable sum over. Helen Reed now writes me that she is unwilling to work by the month, that we must pay her \$5 a night, and that she considers it only right for us to pay her mother \$10 a week board. As we need her so much in this emergency I thought that we should have to pay this price, so beginning with tonight, Monday October 21st, we must pay her at the rate of \$5 a night and pay her mother at the rate of \$10 a week for her board. She has worked for us three nights before today for which we owe her \$15, at \$5 a night, but I told her that during those days we would not pay her mother \$10 a week for board but at the rate of \$6 a week.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Sandy Lee Hurst.