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October 26, 1918.

Dear Miss Chambers:-

It was indeed fortunate that I was able to telegraph you. The new order has been put in force since Miss Taft has been ill, and we had no record of the students to whom she gave permission to go into temporary quarantine. As soon as I heard from you I tried to investigate what had happened in your case, and it developed that it was Miss Fox, and not Miss Taft, who gave you permission.

The ruling of the Pennsylvania Board of Health is so strict that Dr. Branson feels that if we allow students to go and come we run the risk of having the college closed. He also felt that we were unable to distinguish between families that would enforce a strict quarantine and other families who would not, and that the fact that we have to nurse students who return and run the risk of starting another infection makes it really unsafe to re-admit students unless we ourselves have charge of their four days' quarantine. I am very sorry for this interruption of your work. We will let you know at the earliest possible moment.

You remember that when you and I talked it over I thought you had decided that your mother would come here and I rather expected you to ask for the room at the Deanery for interviews.

With very kind regards to Mr. and Mrs. Talcott Williams,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Dorothea N. Chambers,
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New York City,