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Miss M. Carey Thomas
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My dear Miss Thomas,

It was my intention to be present tomorrow evening at the reception to the Faculty.

The virulence of the infection which we are now fighting in Philadelphia makes me feel that it would be most unwise for me to risk bringing the germ within the campus.

I wish therefore to express my regret.

It may be of interest to you to hear at first hand as to the situation which we are facing. All senior and junior work has been suspended. The few seniors who are not ill are acting as house officers in the hospital taking the places of the regular staff which has been laid low by influenza.

The juniors are serving as nurses to give much needed relief to the regular nursing force. The out-practice medical and obstetrical services have organized relief parties among settlement workers who go from house to house giving medicine, food and other forms of relief.

The experiences through which we are passing reminds one of the historic records of the plague.

I hope that Bryn Mawr will be spared the terrors of the epidemic.

Very truly,

Edwin C. Carter