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October 5, 1918.

Dear Miss Bell:-

We called you up this morning to ask whether it would not be possible for you to accept a position as Nurse's Aid in the Bryn Mawr College Infirmary after you have finished with your present case. The Infirmary staff consists of Dr. Thomas F. Branson, Physician-in-Chief, who is not resident, Dr. Marion H. Rea, Resident Physician, and two trained nurses. We have a number of cases of Spanish influenza isolated in the Infirmary and we are unable to obtain another trained nurse. We have three nurses' aids coming in in the daytime, but we especially need some one who can be on duty at night. We have heard most excellent things of your ability to nurse, and we should like above all things to have you come to us. We had thought of offering you \$21 a week in addition to your board and lodging, but if this is not what you have been receiving we should want to pay you a little more than you have been receiving. Will you not let me know about this? We should have to arrange for your board and lodging at a nearby place, as we have no additional rooms in the Infirmary and in any case you could not be as quiet there in the daytime.

You would be on duty from 8 o'clock in the evening to 8 o'clock in the morning but as we have no one at present who needs constant attention you could get a good deal of rest during the night. I enclose an addressed envelope and should be very glad if you would reply and tell me whether you can come, and in this case about what time you would be free.

Please also write me whether the salary offered is satisfactory and if not what you would consider satisfactory.

Very Sincerely yours,