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I want to say a word to you about letters home. We have a few cases of Flu about ten, I think, and I think we must have a large number of girls in school who want to take it judging from the way they go to the Infirmary and sit around with those who have the Flu but, girls, you simply must stop visiting the Infirmary. Those people over there have all that they can do to look after the sick. If you need to go to the Infirmary for medicine, go and get it and leave. Do not think that we have anything in the Infirmary that we object to your knowing about but we do have things in the Infirmary that we do not want you to take. Of course, the girl having it might like for you to come and take it from her but since you cannot do that, stay away. If you need to go to the Infirmary, if you have that aching feeling, go to the Infirmary and let Miss Morris look over you and put you to bed but you must not go there just visiting. If you need to go there for medicine or any other purpose, call at the office and stay there until you have the medicine.

Then do not write any of those distressing letters home. I want to assure you and I want your parents to know this, if we have any girls who are sick enough we will immediately communicate with that girl's parents but there is no need to make folks disturbed at home when a person has a mild case of Flu. This disease is all over the country and folks know something about it now and we are going to leave absolutely nothing undone to look after the sick. We are going to keep the parents informed if they are sick enough to need knowing. A girl has written her father that she was desperately sick and he rode 100 miles to see his daughter and when he got here he found her going to classes. If I had been that man I would have given her a good spanking. There is very

little danger so far in the eastern part of our state. I mean we have a very, very few cases that are going from Flu into pneumonia and that is where the danger comes. If you have anything that makes you think you have the Flu, go to the Infirmary and go to bed. Carl Gerth saw the instructions of the State Health Department in the paper so he had the Governor coming in and the Attorney General and the Chief Justice. He had all of them going to bed. Dr. Laughinghouse's advice is good for those who have Flu. Go to bed and stay there until the fever is gone but do not go around those folks who have it because that is the way to get it and do not write those distressing letters home. I have not heard of any yet but I know those kind of people are in college. These girls say, "I feel bad, I believe I will write Mama how bad I feel." Mama has enough to attend to at home if she does not she is the only one I know of.

I have told you these things in a somewhat humorous way but I want you to get to work and help us out. I hope we are going to avoid an epidemic. There were 14 girls in the Infirmary last night. Miss Morris says she has forgotten whether she dismissed three or four or five this morning and that is the reason I said about 10. I do not want you to have the disease. It interferes with your work. Help us out as I know you will.

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