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My dear Mrs. Denison,

I telegraphed to Mary last night and intended to write to her this morning but fear that the letter would not arrive in time. I did write to her immediately on receiving her letter but in my grande rush of work it did not get mailed. I have not worked so hard in years; we have gotten three long papers done this spring and the fourth is almost ready for the final typing and to do it I have worked at the laboratory until twelve and even one o'clock ^{or night} for about six weeks. That explains why I have not been more energetic about Miss Traverser. I went over and asked about her just after your letter came and was told that she was all right. It seems that she kept having colds this spring and they decided that it was due to tonsils, so they have waited until the throat was in a condition to be operated on. In her case they think that it was a simple case of tonsillitis but I will follow the matter up carefully. The doctor is away just now but all the tonsils removed are studied carefully with reference to a possible tuberculosis. There were no physical signs of tuberculosis whatever and there will be a final report on the sections of the tonsils. Miss Lawler advised Miss Traverser to take her entire vacation at this time but she herself preferred to take but a week or two weeks ^{now} and come back for July and go west in August. She went to the country near here with some friend and was to have come back yesterday but she wrote that she would take another week. I will see her when she comes back and try to persuade her to take her vacation now if the doctor thinks it wiser. I think that she is not quite so happy in her work as she was at first. I am told that she has come under the influence of a small group of nurses who are very disgruntled at the discipline. I don't know what the justice of the matter is

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but I expect that the discipline is pretty rigid. I know that Miss Lawler, who is at the head, is a very fairminded woman but it ^{may} ~~am~~ be that some of her assistants are pretty strict. Its true of all hospitals and the head nurses say that with so much very repsonsible work to be done they just have to be strict.

I have received my formal appointment as a Member of the Rockefeller Institute and have accepted it. That is their highest title under the director and is the full equivalent of the headship of any department in a University. I am very happy over it. It meant that I can put every bit that's in me into the problem that interests me most. I am exceedingly happy over another thing. I had felt pretty badly over not having Dr. Cunningham in New York, he got the appointment at the new Vanderbuilt University before the New York plans were completed and Dr. Flexner could not bid against an Institute the Rockefeller Board was building up. Dr. Cunningham had become so interested in our joint work that he hated to give it up. This spring our work involved a study of the lesions in tuberculosis as well as leukemia and I was asked to go to the meeting of the Society of Tuberculosis. I turned it over to Dr. Cunningham and he did awfully well and the Committee in charge decided to back him in ~~sa~~ a study of tuberculosis giving him a grant of \$3000.00- a year for expenses. The work has really grown out of our joint work, one point he got and the other I found and we can get him well started in it here next year and I am exceedingly happy about it. Please do not say anything about this to any of the people out there, for instance not to Dr. Sewall because the matter has not been formally ratified by the Board and it is courtesy to let the Boards announce all these matters. I thought that you would be especially interested and I will explain all the scientific

points involved when I see you.

I fear that Mary will find our Eastern weather pretty bad. Washington is an impossible place for the N.E.A. to choose for a July meeting. We have had a very cool and rainy spring but now its scorching. I am glad that the heaviest part of my work is done. We have still one more paper to write and a little more work to do on it, but it is a paper than can wait until fall. The others couldnot because there were going to journals that come out one a year and we should have had to wait another whole year if we hadn't finished up now.

Affectionately

Florence P. Sabin

My but I'm anxious to get to Devere -
At the Rockefeller the buildings
are closed for July and August and
I can relax when I please -
Am sending you tea to-day.