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May 27th, 1938.

Miss Olive E. Monkhouse,
Bedford College for Women,
University of London,
Regent's Park, N. W. 1,
London, England.

My dear Miss Monkhouse:

Your letter of May 16th was duly received and I
have given your request very careful consideration.

I have not been at all well during the last two
years and I find myself increasingly unable to speak
to Groups of people. It is true that I am better and
for this reason I am hoping to sail for London on
June 1st, but it is not wise for me to take on definite
responsibilities. In fact I am making the trip in order
to avoid them.

I am extremely sorry to find it necessary to de-
cline the invitation to speak on the occasion of the
presentation of certificates to the students of the
Florence Nightingale International Foundation in which
I have been so deeply interested.

It is possible that when the moment comes, I might
be moved to say a very few words of greeting and shall
be pleased if I can assist in the presentation of the
certificates.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Fidelia Draper
(Mrs. William Kinnicutt Draper)