

Aunt  
Please tell  
Agnes that her  
story got in, in spite  
of my promise - I hope it  
does no harm  
(her)

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Her Phipps  
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Dearest Margaret:

I have just received your letter of May 10<sup>th</sup> and  
hasten to answer. I am very glad you are holding  
up my article on the Clinic, because we need a  
little time, as you say, before we give friends  
Vatican a chance at us. And then there is another  
reason:

(I'll write by machine for writing by hand goes so slowly with me)

The reason is that we have been unable to get free rooms so quickly  
as we intended and hoped. Dr. Schmincke failed in this. Dr. Wolff then  
began to work in another direction, and we found a Social Democratic  
physician, who is Prof. at the University Clinics, also, and he was so  
much interested that he has offered us two rooms in the Sick Insurance  
buildings in Neukölln. But the delay has been so that we have had to  
postpone the opening until June 1st. Dr. Wolff is a ruthless woman and  
she was so angry with Schmincke that she wanted to put him off the  
Committee--this despite the fact that he is a Party member like herself.  
But I urged her to keep him if possible because of his position and name.  
Then we have decided, if possible, to induce the Professor to join the  
Committee. That is yet to come. So all this will necessitate a bit of  
change, even in the article. So hold it up until we open, have the  
Committee just as we wish it, and have been running for a time.

But still things are going well. The Committee to draw up the  
forms to be filled out have met two or three times and have at last  
drawn up a complete questionnaire which will be printed for the opening  
of the Clinic.

We are to have a Committee meeting soon and I hope to give more  
complete information. But, like you, I prefer to hold up the article for  
a time.

I have been reading Henrietta Furth's articles on German B.C.  
But there is no out and out birth control clinic here, despite her  
calling things that. We will be the first one to be run on straight

*glad to hear your opinion of this: 2*  
*agree about mixing the diet, but Germans will do that always so through your knee*

B.C. lines. All the others are mixed up with motherhood, sickness, homosexuality, etc. As much as I admire Dr. Hirschfeld for his work, I am sorry to say that I think him a very neurotic man, not at all clear even in homosexual work, and that in many ways he is doing great harm in his own homosexual field. For many cases of homosexuality are not physical, but psychic in origin and can be cured and the person be made normal. But he would have the homosexual regarded as another form of person, and given the right to his homosexual practices. That is alright for certain cases only. He is condemning large numbers of sick persons to continued illness. I have not been to his so-called Institute for Sexual Science (it is only partly scientific) where he has his so-called Birth Control Clinic. But Jo was there and she told me about his exhibition of Birth Control things. He has them all mixed up with perversities also. He has all kinds of pessaries and such things, but then along with these he has condoms used by perverts--condoms on the end of which is a little rubber ~~xxx~~ hand, or the leering face of a person, or tassels and fringes. You see, those are all right as a study of perversity. But the whole mixture makes me ill. B. C. methods are normal, healthy things used by normal, healthy persons, and I am uncompromisingly to have B.C. mixed up in any particular with any form of perversion. (Why I wouldn't even want it mixed up with religion or Catholicism or other forms of perversion!) So although Henrietta Furth writes good things, I am opposed to this so-called Institute of Sexual Science here. It is a hell of a place if I may say so. I think such things should be studied, but by men who are themselves very, very clear. And Hirschfeld is not. I know that all my "left" friends support Hirschfeld and give him publicity and they might regard me as an American Puritan. But I'm not. I only wish people who use the word "science" were scientists, instead of persons sticking their own neurosis into science.

You think I am a "wonder" for getting the Clinic going here. No, Margaret, the credit belongs to Dr. Wolff and not to me. I only gave the idea and kept at it a bit; she formed the Committee, etc. She got them all together and hers is the chief work and will be in the future. For she is a physician, in the midst of all this kind of work for women, and she is passionately interested in B.C. She is very bitter against the Assn. of German Women Physicians. Because, in the last issue of their journal they have reviewed your book "New Motherhood" and they have spoken of your Clinic, etc., favourably, but always saying: "Of course she writes with American conditions in mind; we are other in Germany". And they have given but a few lines to your lecture. Dr. Wolff sent me the magazine and telephoned me and cursed them around and around. We will show them soon if your Clinic is only for "American conditions" only.

I fear your warning in the letter has come true--about fatigue due to my operation. I am almost finished off again. For weeks a pain ~~gaw~~ grew in my side and then in my back until I cannot walk more than ten minutes at a time without being lamed. I suffer now so terribly at times that I am again worn down. Prof. Liepmann was out of Berlin for a number of weeks; I went to his Assistant and the Assistant said the knot in the intestine was not yet dissolved. I used hot water bags as he ordered, and then my friend Dr. Winternitz (our Clinic director) examined me and said the pain in my back seemed to be rheumatism; and that the womb was turned to the back, but not enough to hurt. But things went on and on and on; and thinking of Doctor's fees, I did not hurry to Prof. Liepmann. But now I have just come from a thorough examination. It is all nerves. The pain in the scar down in the intestine is, he says, a nervous affair, and it has extended to my back and almost crippled me.

*Enclosure  
 articles  
 B.C.R.*

Next day:

I shall now continue:

Today I had my first treatment. They put electric plates before and behind and turn on the current. I have to take these treatments every other day for as long as is necessary--until the pain is gone. I hope to be better within a couple of weeks. It may be fatigue, as you say. I am working very, very hard, and have for weeks. There was my book that I sent just a few days ago, and it required heavy work, especially typing which so tires me. I have students three evenings a week and I have to go to their homes. That means walking. I have given them up for the next week. I have two classes at the University this semester and next month must give another public lecture in that same big hall where I lectured in December. I'm speaking on China again--or rather Asia with China as the central point. I am trying to show the uprising of all Asia during this century, which means, for Europe at least, the end of capitalism and imperialism and the introduction of Socialism or Communism to take the place of civilization. Then I'm writing for the Indian press. I work all the time and with all my energies, but the sort of thing I love and do is the very thing that pays badly. If I were a business man selling buttons or pants I would be well paid.

*Sent her  
the greens  
address*

Jo Bennet has invited me to Paris in August. Or rather, she invited me to come and live in her house for July and go with her for a week or two outside of Paris somewhere. If possible I wish to remain in Paris for August, September and October, study the language until I can read and translate, and while there study all social movements such as women, B.C., workers, etc. Because I hope to be able to go to China within a few months and before this I wish to have a rather good idea of French movements.

Can you send me letters of introduction to people you know in Paris? *Don't know many, Mrs Green will help you.*

Jo Bennett lectured about 10 days ago in the University hall where I lectured. She spoke on the Woman's Movement in America. Of the history of the movement, of the suffrage fight, and of the work after the suffrage fight. Of women in social life. She gave about 20 minutes of her talk to B.C., and she spoke of you personally, your long years of trying to enable families to regulate the number of their children, fighting Puritanism as you went and trying to make sex problems decent problems. It was an excellent resume of your work. In the end she said you were turning your attention now to international work. She has a most charming way with her when she lectures and she takes it for granted that her audience is with her instead of against her. This creates a very fine atmosphere and she really carries them with her. It is like her saying: "Its you and me against the world". There were questions on Birth Control afterward--people didn't know what she meant by it. She did go for the Catholics, thought, and there were Catholics in the audience. But they didn't peep. She is a very fine speaker. Many people said to me in the week following that they find American women who are feminists very womanly, whereas the German women are not. It is an interesting viewpoint, isn't it? Jo is now in Paris and I rather think will become active in the movement there. She has--I am telling a secret--outlined a book and when I go in July I am going to see how far she is with putting it through.

*Jo is fine*

You asked if you should send money for the B.C. article. Yes, if it is not trouble. For I shall need it. My treatment for this damned trouble is costing me a lot and these extra things cut into my

way of living frightfully.

Yes, I have applied for my passport and I think I will get it. I am to hear by the end of June. I had affidavits from my father, sister, doctor attending at my birth, Mr. Roe, and Jo Bennett was my witness. Also my seaman's pass. There was such a lot of stuff that they can't possibly ignore it. The application went to Washington last week. Were you in Washington, I'd ask you to go up and see it pushed through. But it will perhaps go through without that. I had so many papers this time that they were nice to me. That woman was nice--I think it must have been your talk with her. For she did not remember me, whereas she only remembered that I was the woman who came with you.

Tell Annie that the B.C. Family Limitations came. Also extra forms from the Clinic. Thanks very much.

Yesterday I saw some Chinese friends. They have all your books and small pamphlets now and two of them with whom I spoke had read everything but two of the pamphlets. It seems you sent a book on "What every Girl Should Know" and also on "What Every Young Man Should Know". Well, one of these Chinese friends had taken the latter to bed with him and did not sleep until it was finished. I can't imagine what is in it that held him so, for I know the book for girls and it must be about the same. It may be that most men do not know about themselves. He has offered to loan me the book to read! I can't imagine why. Your magazine also lies in the Chinese headquarters now and I find that most of the Chinese I know read it and know of your books. That Chinese house is much nicer now. They have bought very good furniture, there are bookshelves filled with books and magazine shelves filled with magazines. It was a little unfriendly while you were here, but now it is not.

Give my love to Annie and Kittie, and greet Mr. Slee for me with the kindest and most sincere greetings. And love to you, Margaret.

Agnes -

*Great  
I hope  
you will  
get it  
now*

*X*