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Dr. M. O. Bousfield,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Bousfield:

I am sailing August 21st for a brief visit to England, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. I am going on a "shoestring" and I have registered at Yale University though I shall be able to command less than a month's expenses and less than one-quarter of my tuition at the time I shall enter.

When I applied for a Rosenwald Grant I expected to be allowed expenses for three months travel in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. As it is I shall have three weeks, but I feel that it will be the best preparation outside of my years of practice for my work at Yale. If the Rosenwald Fund would grant me just a Thousand Dollars, or would lend me that amount or less I know I could manage. If I don't get aid I shall have to come home week-ends to work. I had so much hoped not to have to work in Philadelphia while I studied in New Haven. In all my student days I could never give my undivided attention to school work. I always had to work on the side. I was always sure that if I had not had to make a living I could have done much better work. I wanted this time to give all my attention to a big problem. While Professors Hiscock and Winslow require some graduate students to spend three years before they take their degree in Public Health, they feel that I can take the degree in a year. Certainly they can not expect me to cover the ground in a year if I am in Philadelphia every week-end making my living.

I am leaving with the understanding that my application is still open and that I shall certainly have the aid I seek.

I hope you will be in Philadelphia for the Medical Convention and that I may see you. I shall be in the throes of finishing my work preparatory to sailing, but I hope to attend some of the sessions.

Please give Mrs. Bousfield my best regards.

Yours very sincerely,
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