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Dr. Florence R. Sabin
Rockefeller Institute
York Avenue and 66th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Sabin:

I understand that Professor Marie Reimer of the Faculty of Barnard College may be considered as a candidate for the American Woman's Association's Award for Eminent Attainment. It gives me much pleasure to tell you something of her remarkable service in the field of education.

Besides being a scientist of the first order, and doing research regarding which experts can testify better than I, she is an extremely gifted teacher. As our curriculum is organized, the elementary courses in the various sciences have to be conducted so as to lay a sound foundation for the students who will go on to specialize in the particular science in question, and also to reveal to students who are never to be scientists and never to take another course in this field the significance, the interest and the wonder of scientific thought and discovery.

Professor Reimer has achieved both these ends with very unusual success. Many of her students are inspired to go on and become trained scholars in the field of chemistry. She guides them through advanced graduate work after they have finished their undergraduate courses here. Several of them have been awarded fellowships by the National Research Council, a very high honor rarely given to a woman.

The nonscientific students find Professor Reimer's course in elementary chemistry an extraordinarily interesting revelation of science and a very important part of the general liberal arts curriculum.

I am sure that in personality, intellect and attainment, Professor Reimer is very well worth the consideration of your committee.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE