October 19, 1918

Mr. Arthur C. Coit,
2443 Prospect Ave.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr Coit:

I have your letter of October 5th calling my attention to the ravages of Spanish influenza in the East.

You may be pretty sure that we here in New York are aware of it. It is the most ghastly thing that I have ever seen. Of course, under the circumstances, there was nothing to do but call off all assemblies. We should have done it here in the city, but have not. They have kept up the Liberty Loan hub-bub, under a mistaken idea that they could not get money unless they were shouting all the time. If they would shut down everything and appeal to the good sense of the people through the newspapers, in my judgment, they would have more than they are getting now, and thousands of lives would have been saved.

As to going to the Vermont State Teachers' Association on the 8th of November, I have already written Miss Wagner that I would be glad to do so, and I shall depend upon herfor my instructions.

Mr. Morgan tells me that he will have engagements for me for the last week of November and possibly the first week of December. I shall be glad to fill any engagements that you can make for me in this time, and after ~~November~~ December to do any speaking through the winter months that you wish. I have re-arranged my Washington work so as to leave me much freer than I had expected.

Very truly yours,

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