

Marblehead

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Dear Prof Binns:-

It is now definitely decided that we are to have a new kiln and Dr. Hill wishes me to ask you to order it for us if you will. They will buy the Caulkins \$450 or \$500 kiln, whichever you think would be best suited to the work. As I said in my last letter any discount which you may be able to get for them by ordering the kiln through the Alfred school will be greatly appreciated. Whether you can get a discount or not they would like to have you order the kiln right away, to be sent by freight as soon as possible. Have it sent to Miss Jessie Luther, Handcraft Shop. I know this is asking considerable of you but I am sure the doctors will be very grateful for your trouble even though you may not be able to get any discount.

I suppose they are taking this step on my advice and if I can't make good when the new kiln comes I don't know what they will do to me. I think I can however. Of course I shall need some new 04 glazes dull colors such as I mentioned in another letter. There will be time enough for them to be sent by freight this time. I suppose there are several grams of glaze still due the shop in exchange for the glazes which went wrong. We shall need a lot of glaze when we get to work in earnest for there are a hundred or more pieces of various sizes waiting to be covered. I simply must get good results with the new kiln so if there are any suggestions you can give me about firing it please give them.

I shall need some cones and will order some from Prof Orton. Will he sell them in lots of less than 50 of a number?

Just at present I hardly know what to do with myself. Dr. Hill wants me to give all my time to making pottery and drop glazing 'till the new kiln comes. Miss Luther wants me to go on glazing with bright glazes. They are rather at sword's points over the question and I don't know how it will come out. Hope the new kiln will solve all difficulties.

Yours sincerely

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