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(Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.)

FROM THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, OXFORD.

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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

May I bring to your notice an educational problem in connection with the foreign training of American medical men.

A large number of young graduates come to England from the U.S. annually for post-graduate study, probably 200 to 300, a number sure to increase after the War, as Germany will be closed for some time. We have no organization in London specially designed for these overseas students, who drift from hospital to hospital without direction or control.

We are forming a strong lay Committee in London of British, American, and Colonial representatives to organize post-graduate instruction. We need:

First: A central home for the men on the lines of a College Union (like the Augusta Haus in Berlin) with meeting-rooms, library and club facilities of a modest kind.

Secondly: The Committee would form a link between the students and the various hospitals and laboratories arranging for the courses of instruction, the payment of fees, and acting generally as a bureau of information.

This central Executive could be utilized by the Government in the organization of post-graduate classes for Panel Doctors and others throughout the country.

It is estimated that £100,000 will be required for the central home and organization. Do you think that you or your father personally, or one of the Boards, could help us in this matter?

There are certain new developments in this country along the lines of Preventive Medicine, which should prove of special value to American students. The Local Public Health organizations are worthy of careful study, and the new arrangements for the prevention and treatment of venereal diseases at central Cliniques are a great step in advance.

I had intended to write my congratulations and thanks on the establishment by the Board of the new Public Health Institute at Baltimore. Dr. Welch was very enthusiastic, and I am sure the outlook for good work there is most encouraging.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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