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Cambridge, Mass.,

October 21, 1911.

Dear Mr. Gates:

Your letter of October twentieth and the accompanying papers give a clear idea of the method of work adopted by the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, and of the extraordinary success the Commission has already had. I observe that I am at liberty to retain the several enclosures. Would there be any objection on the part of the Commission to my exhibiting these papers to health officers in India, Java, China, and Japan? I suppose they are already familiar to the American medical men in the Philippines.

Has the Commission prepared printed directions to physicians concerning the diagnosis and treatment of the disease? Evidently, throughout the South the ignorance on the part of physicians of the disease and its treatment has been one of the difficulties to contend with.

On the whole the evidence seems to show that the campaign of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission against the hookworm disease is the most effective campaign against a widespread disabling disease which medical science and philanthropy have ever combined to conduct. Although the mortality is not so great from this disease as from small-pox, cholera, diphtheria, and the bubonic plague, yet the human misery and disability it causes is probably greater in the long run than any one of those somewhat spasmodic, or periodic, plague occasions.

I am, with many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

F. T. Gates, Esq.

Charles W. Eliot