

April 15, 1912

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:-

You know that we are finding the most effective way of reaching the hookworm victims is by means of temporary dispensaries, four or five of which will be arranged for in a county, and expert physicians will spend one day at each dispensary, advertising extensively in all the papers, by circular letters and by hand bills the dates at which they will meet the people for consultation and treatment. 140,000 cases, or thereabouts, have been cured in this way during the last year, and the work is multiplying on every hand.

The scenes at these dispensaries, in the counties where the disease has taken the deepest hold, are in a high degree interesting and thrilling. I send you enclosed a couple of pages, graphically illustrating just what happens. Nothing since the days of Christ in Galilee is comparable to it. Please let Mr. Sims read this enclosure to you for two minutes.

You understand that this work is always and without exception paid for in part by the county. We do not go into a county, on principle, unless the county officers will pay something from the public funds on the work.

I wish Mr. Sims would pass this on, after Mr. Rockefeller has read it, to Mrs. Rockefeller and Miss Spelman. I am sure it will interest them.

Very truly yours,

F. T. CATES.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller.