

26 Broadway  
New York

August 12, 1914.

Gentlemen:-

My pledge of October 26th, 1909, for the support of your work in the southern states was made for a period of five years, which period may be interpreted as coming to an end not later than December 31st, 1914. I understand that in planning your budget covering work in progress during the current year, you are making no commitments beyond that date. The work thus far accomplished would seem to have brought about in all of the southern states a very general knowledge on the part of physicians, health authorities and the public regarding the prevalence of hookworm disease and the methods of treating and preventing it. The chief purpose of the commission may thus be deemed to have been accomplished. Realizing, however, that there may be places in which a consistent plan of work would require the continuation of your efforts for a time, I request that the necessity for such continuation be referred by you, with appropriate recommendations thereon, to The Rockefeller Foundation, which is in a position, by reason of its permanent character and endowment, to continue, extend or modify the work, if it shall so elect, as in its judgment may from time to time be expedient. It is my desire that all property acquired by your commission, including records, files, reports, medical supplies, furniture and equipment, be transferred and delivered to The Rockefeller Foundation on or before December 31st, 1914.

In thus arranging for the termination of your effective and beneficent labors, which have earned the just gratitude of our southern people, I wish to thank you one and all for the great service which you have rendered.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Rockefeller.*

To the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission,  
for the Eradication of Hook Worm Disease.