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Dictated at Sutton, Ontario,  
August the 17th, 1920

Hon. Benjamin Gallant, M.P.P.,  
Summerside, P. E. I.

Dear Mr. Gallant:

My speaking engagements in the Province of Ontario during the past fortnight have prevented me from sending an earlier acknowledgment of your letter of July 26, in which, on behalf of "La Societe de St. Thomas D'Aquin", you ask my co-operation in obtaining consideration of the Society's objects by the Rockefeller Foundation of New York.

I would be only too happy to render any service in my power in the connection in which you have requested it; but, to tell the truth, I really do not believe that a letter from me to the Foundation would be of the slightest service. Your communication is only one of a hundred or more like requests which I have received within the past year. Some of these I took up with the Foundation, but whenever I did so it was intimated to me that it would be more in the interests of the parties themselves to make a direct application, than for the application to be made in an indirect way. I happen also to know that the Foundation takes it an invariable rule not to make any contribution to entirely new undertakings, but will assist only where experience has shown that an undertaking is likely to be enduring and of great public service.

Perhaps there would be no harm in an application being sent to the Foundation direct, and I would suggest that this course would be preferable to having me write in advance. What our friends might feel at liberty to do is to mention that I know of the existence of the Society and would be in a position to speak concerning it were the Foundation agreeable to consider the application for assistance. That, I really

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