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REPORT OF TRIP MADE TO VARIOUS CENTRES IN  
THE UNITED STATES TO INVESTIGATE SIGHT-SAVING  
CLASSES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO LOOK INTO  
THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND IN GENERAL, BY D. D.  
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November 4th, 1920.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:—

Before presenting this report permit me to take this opportunity of again expressing to you my very sincere appreciation of the great privilege which you recently granted me, in allowing me to make this trip. It was a very great honor indeed to be sent as your representative on such an important mission, and I trust that I have been able to bring home some of the enthusiasm and inspiration which came to me while visiting the various educational centres.

As space or time will not permit of a detailed account, we shall refer particularly to the more important features, as far as it is possible. I may say that Mr. Sherman Swift, M.A., the Librarian of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a man very closely in touch with all activities which have to do with the betterment of the condition of the Blind in general, and of those who are handicapped by defective sight, was good enough to suggest for me my itinerary and to advise me as to where I could get the best assistance. Mr. Holmes, the Director of the Canadian National Institute, was also very helpful, and much interested in what might be the result of the visit. Letters of introduction from Chief Inspector Cowley, Mr. Swift and Mr. Holmes made it very easy for me to get in touch with the proper authorities in every case. Throughout the trip the most cordial reception and heartiest welcome were extended. Everything possible was done to give assistance in making the visit in the truest sense helpful, instructive and at the same time pleasant.

The centres visited were Brantford, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. In these places