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My dear Hincks:

I am writing this letter to put on record what I said to you in conversation yesterday and the day before, namely, that I think the achievements in mental hygiene under the general auspices of the Canadian National Committee and in co-operation with the universities of Toronto and McGill are splendid. I have seldom listened to a more encouraging report of developments than you gave me over this week-end in describing the work among children in Toronto and Montreal.

The program that you are developing in Toronto with Professor Bott and Dr. Blatz in active charge is rapidly coming to a position of leadership in this field in all North America.

The work at McGill is also encouraging in its promise for the future. The emphasis there upon psychiatry and upon the delinquent and abnormal child is an excellent supplement to the study in Toronto which centers more upon the normal individual.

This fundamental research in psychology and psychiatry is one of the important activities of any group interested in mental hygiene. A second activity which has been carried out successfully both by your Committee and by the Committee in the United States is a survey of the care of the insane and feebleminded. A third step I believe in the program of any private agency interested in this subject is to co-operate with State and Provincial governments in improving conditions through applying scientific knowledge in the field of mental hygiene to the handling of problems in such