PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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MEMORANDUM

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Doctor Frankel

I had a long conference with Miss Oppen of the American Child Health Association and I am summarising the situation in the Scholarship follow-up.

At present it looks as though the only financial help which would be asked from the Metropolitan is the $500. scholarship in Memphis.

MEMPHIS

Dr. Lanza has been in Memphis and he finds that Dr. Durrett now wants, with the help of the National Health Council, to make a complete survey of the health facilities and needs of Memphis, developing an all-round health program. Simply as a part of this program he would conduct, with the advice of the American Child Health Association and the financial help of the Metropolitan, his health course at the University of Tennessee.

In the other Scholarship cities there is a movement for health courses. These are definitely under way at Tulsa, and Fargo, and there is a real possibility of their being held also at Passaic, Saginaw, Altoona, Little Rock, Birmingham, Atlanta, and Oklahoma City. The developments have been such, however, that Miss Oppen has not seen the necessity for offering scholarships to arouse interest, and she thinks that the work is on a much sounder basis if there is no scholarship involved.

In Passaic Miss Oppen is going to work up the course herself and give it under the auspices of New York University. She is going to spend one morning a week visiting the schools and is going to use the material worked up last year by the Scholarship teachers and see how it works out practically. The Passaic situation is particularly interesting as, when they were approached last year to enter the Contest the Superintendent outlined twelve reasons why it was a bad thing to do, but in spite of them he was willing to give it a trial. Miss Haggerty, the teacher who won the scholarship, did very good work and this year the School Board is giving her a year's leave of absence to study health education and to help them in their city program. Monsignor Kiernan, the head of the parochial schools in Passaic, has become interested and has asked the American Child Health Association for suggestions for a health program in the parochial schools.

The health material sent in by the teachers, in addition to being used by Miss Oppen in this work, has been exhibited in five cities this summer, reaching from Cambridge to Fargo; and is now being studied by Dr. Wood's Committee on the standardization of the curriculum. The suggestion is being considered that this material be given out to the students in Dr. Wood's advanced classes to be classified and studied from a pedagogical end.

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