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My dear Doctor Bousfield.,

Dr. Smillie, our professor of Public Health has shown me the letter that you wrote concerning me. I was very pleased to hear of the possibility that you may find something for me to do. Your letter sounded very fine. I certainly would like to do some work with the Rosenwald Foundation under your direction.

I entered the Harvard School of Public Health governed entirely by the desire to render service. As a matter of fact I resigned my position as chief camp surgeon which I held as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps. I spent a year in that capacity at Camp Breeze Hill in New York. At the time that I left many of my confreres mentioned that I lacked sound judgement to resign in order to enter a field that showd such a lack of prospects. However, it has been my belief that if fear prevents me from attempting something new, the possibilities will never be known.

Most of the men in my class were sent to the University by the Rockefeller Foundation, the Army, United States Public Health Service, and the various State Boards of Health. The men that were not sent by an agency have received appointments in the several states as health officers.

With these few words as a background you may well imagine how pleased I was to learn that you have something in store for me.

I thank you for the interest that you have taken in my case.

I would be very pleased to hear from you and learn more about the plan.

Wishing you the best of health and happiness I am,

Yours truly,

William B. Perry

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