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My dear Dr. Levy:

Thank you for the two letters concerning the proposed mental hygiene work in Canada. I hope we may have an opportunity in the fairly near future to discuss at some length the whole field of mental hygiene. It is certainly one of the most important ones in connection with our chartered purpose "the wellbeing of mankind." On the other hand it seems most difficult to take hold of aspects of the field that seem to indicate the kind of helpfulness that is so easily given in bacterial diseases. There is no special hurry so far as we are concerned, but sometime I hope this Fund may make some contributions in the field of mental hygiene that will represent real progress.

I was the officer in the Rockefeller Foundation who recommended the contribution to the Canadian Committee for the five-year work with school children. I fear there is no one left at that Foundation who is actively interested in this work or who is following it with a view of making judgments of its success. Mr. Ruml and his associates in the Memorial are probably closer to the work than anyone in the Foundation. I have been inclined to think that Bott and Blatz were likely to produce results that would be well worthwhile. While my judgment is that of a layman and one a good deal removed from the work both scientifically and geographically, I feel sure that the general set up on which this school program is proceeding is good. I shall read the article, copy of which we have in the office, and when we next have an opportunity I should like to discuss:

- (a) this school work,
- (b) the proposals for cooperation with the Provincial Governments, and
- (c) the general question of where strategic attacks may be made in mental hygiene.

I hope that you may find it possible to come to the conference which we are holding on Sunday, April 29th in connection with the first meeting of the Trustees. While we regret that you are not joining the Trustees at this time, we count upon your continued personal interest and we are exceedingly glad to have Mrs. Levy with us officially.

Very truly yours,

Dr. David M. Levy,  
950 Park Ave.,  
New York City.

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Dear Al:

I am very glad that Dr. Abt is at Crothers.

As for the Winnetka plan, I do not know what to say because I do not know the facts. The funds requested certainly are small. The value of the work itself is probably enough to go on.

As far as I can see, there is very little in the letter to indicate the exact methods to be pursued. Just how are the teachers to be educated? By a series of lectures given by a social worker? How many lectures? Will they utilize the specific experience of teachers in their class rooms as a basis for such education? Is the work of one psychiatrist two days per week adequate to cover this program? None of these questions are considered in the letter, hence I have no data on which to base a critique of the plan.

On the basis of Washburn's reputation, one may certainly believe that whatever plan he pursues will have real value. I am sorry I am not able to say more.

Anyhow, let's talk it over when the Levys arrive in June.

Fondest greetings to Marion, Oppie and Kikiette.

Sincerely,

David Levy

Mr. Alfred K. Stern,  
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ROSENWALD GAINING STRENGTH DAILY STOP MARION AND I ARE GREATLY  
EXCITED ABOUT NAVY NOTRE DAME GAME TO WHICH WE HAVE JUST GOT  
TICKETS STOP BEST LOVE TO YOU ALL

Alfred

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RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM THIS MORNING HAVING BEEN AWAY FOR WEEKEND  
HEARTILY ENDORSE YOUR SELECTION FOR NEW MEMBERS OF BOARD ALSO  
YOUR CHOICE OF BIOGRAPHER EVERYBODY FINE MUCH LOVE

ADELE 1104A

*Levy*

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	145 EAST 57th ST.
	NEW YORK CITY

October 18, 1928.

Mr. Alfred Stern,  
Arthington Street  
and Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Al:

Concerning Leon Stolz,  
biographer. It sounds very good to  
Adele and me, and quite an agreement,  
so please accept that as another sig-  
nature to your plan.

*Have heard from  
all children  
except Lewis &  
am sure he'll  
O.K. it.*

*AKS*

*David Levy*

P.S. Will attend

Trustee's meeting

David

~~Sat.~~ & Sun. & Mon.

DML EH

Nov. 4 & 5.



November 15, 1928

Dear Dr. Levy: I am hoping to be in New York during Thanksgiving week. I hope I may have a talk with you during that time. One of the things that I should like to talk over with you is an appeal that has come in to us from Dr. Wyckoff through Mrs. Edgar Stern, for support to a psychiatric clinic or institute for child guidance in New Orleans. I am enclosing herewith copies of the correspondence on this subject. When I reach New York I shall telephone you hoping to have an opportunity of spending an hour with you some time on Monday or Wednesday, November 26 or 28.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MWS

Dr. David Levy  
145 East 57th Street  
New York City

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February 13, 1929.

Dear David: Alfred and Rose Alschuler were out at the house last night with Mr. Embree. The occasion was to discuss the financing and set-up of a nursery school for Negro children in our housing project. The plan is to take care of a group of about sixteen children of the tenants, of pre-kindergarten age. The selection of the children would be mainly on the basis of how well the parents would cooperate with the school. The fee charged will take care of the cost of the luncheons.

Rose Alschuler, as you know, is an authority in this part of the country on nursery schools. She is conducting one in connection with the Winnetka School and the Franklin Public School of Chicago and this would be her third. Marion is going to assist her in the management of the school in our project and plans to spend a good deal of time on it. In fact this may lead to Marion's interesting herself in the day nursery movement. As you know, she has special talents in working with children.

There is a Negro teacher in training now at the Franklin Nursery School. She, according to Rose, is an exceptional person. Her previous experience was at a day nursery. By next fall she will be prepared to take charge of our school. She is to have an assistant and there will be student workers in addition.

Rose is planning to engage a Dr. Wiley who received her doctor's degree in psychology and has had a great deal of training in psychiatric social work. She was formerly assistant to Dr. Nellie Perkins at Cornell University. According to Rose, she is a very experienced person and could conduct the psychiatric social work as well as the psychology tests in connection with our school. In addition to her work with us, she is to do a similar work at the Franklin Nursery School. Rose also hopes to have her conduct research in the three nursery schools, Winnetka, Franklin and ours, as representing three distinct grades of children. She thinks that a comparative study of these three schools will bring to light some interesting facts.



February 13, 1929.

The plan is to have the Fund finance one-half the cost of the equipping and maintenance of our nursery school for a period of three years. Marion and I are underwriting the other half. We will endeavor to interest others in helping us finance our share. We are mainly doing this in order not to restrict the financing of the project to the Fund and ourselves.

I did not intend to go into such length in describing this project but we all want you to plan on spending a few hours with Rose Alschuler when you are here, going over this set-up. Rose is anxious to get your advice especially on the psychiatric phase of it. Dr. Wiley is to be attached to the Institute of Juvenile Research in name only. Rose says she believes that the pre-school work of the Institute is being conducted on a better basis than some of the other departments. Please let me know what your plans are about coming to Chicago this winter and if possible I would like to arrange an appointment with Rose.

Sorry I missed seeing Adele when she was here but heard about the hilarious time they had at the funeral!

Best love to Adele, Dickie and you.

Sincerely,

AKS:CM

ALFRED K. STERN

Dr. David M. Levy,  
950 Park Avenue,  
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MESSRS EMBREE & STERN

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND CARE SEARS ROEBUCK & CO CHICAGO ILL

LUNCHEON YESTERDAY WITH MRS JEROME FRANK WHO IS VERY INTERESTED TO DO  
ROSENWALD BIOGRAPHY WITH JEROME QUALIFICATIONS EXPERIENCED JEWISH  
KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ENTHUSIASM THEY WOULD OPPOSE ANY  
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Mrs. David Levy  
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WIRED YOUR SUGGESTION ABOUT FRANKS TO MR EMBREE WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS  
TO DISCUSS WITH STERN STOP NO FINAL DECISION REACHED ABOUT LAWRENCE  
STOP WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL MR EMBREE RETURNS ON MARCH ELEVEN TO  
DISCUSS SITUATION FURTHER STOP GOOD REPORTS FROM MARION BEST LOVE

Alfred

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DAVID RECEIVED NO ANSWER HIS WIRE CONCERNING YOUR OPINION REGARDING  
JEROME AND FLORENCE FRANK AND FATHERS BIOGRAPHY UNLESS DAVID LAWRENCE  
IS ALREADY ACCEPTED THINK THESE TWO WOULD DO A WONDERFUL JOB JEROME TO  
GET THE MATERIAL AND FLORENCE TO WRITE IT UP LET ME KNOW YOUR OPINION LOADS  
OF LOVE FROM BOTH OF US

ADELE

Levy

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I think  
they'd do a  
grand job!!  
Please consider  
this and let  
us hear from  
you. Loads of love  
Ricky

FLORENCE KIPER FRANK  
CROTON-ON-HUDSON  
NEW YORK

March 5 - 1929 -

Dear Adele,

The biography has probably been assigned already to Mr. Lawrence, who will undoubtedly do an excellent job. - If it hasn't, what I wanted to talk to you about is this - Jerome and I have in mind a book that will be not only a biography, but an attempt at the interpretation of that period of American industry which Mr. Rosenwald has influenced - also an interpretation of the Jewish background and of your father's significance as an American Jew. We feel that there is fascinating material here for an important piece of biographical writing and that we could interest one of the big houses in its publication.

If the arrangements haven't been concluded, perhaps we can talk to



FLORENCE KIPER FRANK  
CROTON-ON-HUDSON  
NEW YORK

You when Florence returns next week!  
Anyway, we want to see you.

Yours -

Florence Frank

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March 11, 1929.

My dear Levys:      Returned from a southern trip I am trying to get final action on the biography. All members of the family have approved David Lawrence with the single exception of the Levys, who make the counter suggestion of Jerome and Florence Frank. The family has a most disconcerting fashion of never making suggestions except as counter-irritants to concrete proposals by the committee! I talked over your suggestion with the Edgar Sterns when I was in New Orleans. Their position is that since we have practical agreement on David Lawrence and since he has indicated that he is willing to do the job we should, by all means, close with him, and not get back into the melée of new names and fresh ideas. To re-open the whole question when we are so near agreement seems to them foolishness and I must say that it seems a little that way to me.

As I understnd it, you are to be in Chicago in the near future. Let us talk the matter over then and with a view of getting some decision that we can all stick by.

Very truly yours,

ERE:GB

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Dr. and Mrs. David Levy,  
950 Park Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

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950 PARK AVENUE

New York, March 18, 1929.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
c/o Sears, Roebuck & Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Embree:

We by no means want to put in an  
opposing vote and hereby cast our ballots for  
David Lawrence.

Just want to call your attention to  
the fact that we proposed Franks before we knew  
anything about Lawrence. We certainly do not want  
to make your job any harder than it is.

Greetings from us both.

*Adelle and David Levy*  
*per E. Buck*

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March 21, 1929

Dear Levys:      Your note of March 18 is so gracious that I  
                         feel bad about having written in so avuncular  
a vein. I did not realize that your suggestion of the Franks  
had come before the report about David Lawrence.

Alfred Stern and I are not concerned about the  
difficulty of our job. It is simply that we are anxious to get  
something under way without too much loss of time. Your favor-  
able vote puts the entire family on record for David Lawrence  
and I am writing him today.

With greetings and polite salaams, I am

Very truly yours,

ERE:MWS

EDWIN R. EMBREE

~~Dr. and Mrs. David Levy~~  
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New York City

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950 PARK AVENUE

New York, October 16, 1929.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
c/o Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
925 South Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Embree:

Mrs. Frederick Stein is going to write you about the Julius Rosenwald Fund's action on the Play School program. I hope that this matter can be brought up at the November meeting and that before then you will find the opportunity to discuss it with father. Mrs. Stein seems to feel that the Couzens Fund is interested primarily in Michigan ventures. I trust the matter will not be dropped without some further consideration.

AKS? / There is another project - Vocational Adjustment Bureau - concerning which Alfred has some information and about which father expressed an interest. Would there be space for this in the November docket? If so, I will procure the necessary information from Mrs. Henry Ittleson. Father thought that something might be done jointly with the Industrial Work Shop.

If you have time, please let me hear from you about both matters.

Cordial greetings to you and Mrs. Embree from Dr. Levy and me.

Yours sincerely,

Adelle R. Levy  
per E. Beck

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COULD YOU COME TO IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ON MARITAL CLINIC ON EITHER  
NOVEMBER ELEVEN FIFTEEN OR EIGHTEEN STOP WE SHOULD LIKE YOU ALSO TO  
BE PRESENT AT MEETING OF FUND TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN  
AT WHICH TIME MENTAL HYGIENE WILL BE DISCUSSED STOP HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE  
TRIP WHICH COULD COMBINE THE THREE MEETINGS

Edwin R. Embree

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October 22, 1929

Dear Mrs. Levy: I await with interest further information from Mrs. Frederick Stein and I suggest that you ask Mrs. Ittleson to send us some facts about the Vocational Adjustment Bureau. Alfred Stern has only general information - not enough to give us any picture of what is being done or proposed.

I am bringing up for formal discussion the whole question of education as a field for the Fund. I think we ought to decide whether we are going to limit ourselves to Negro training. If so, the answer to all appeals in general education is very simple. If we decide to consider the general problems, we should then, I suppose, want to consider which are the most important or which are those in which we can help most.

I still feel some hesitation about Mrs. Stein's play schools. They are doubtless excellent in themselves but they seem to me the kind of thing that interested individuals might more properly support than foundations. To my mind a great foundation should restrict itself to fundamental attacks on great problems with a clear understanding in advance of where the support must come from for them after the foundation has withdrawn. Usually anything really worthy of support by foundations is so large that in the end it must count upon being taken into the tax-supported system. Play schools directed by interested private persons and vocational bureaus similarly sponsored seem to me too fragmentary for a great foundation to support. Isn't it a little like using a French "75" for killing song birds?

I shall talk again with Mr. Rosenwald about both these matters, though from what he has said before, I am pretty sure he agrees with me. Both of us are attracted to the projects chiefly because of your interest in them. I think it is highly desirable to take advantage of the interest of any trustee, and Mr. Rosenwald, I know, wants to "educate" his children in the art of giving, though he has (as you know better than I) very fixed ideas as to the types of things to which they should give.

ERE:MS

Very truly yours,

Mrs. David Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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November 1, 1929

Dear Mrs. Levy:        In view of the general discussion  
proposed on education, it seems to  
me that we should postpone consideration of specific cases.  
In other words, I think the play schools and the vocational  
guidance projects should come before the Executive Committee  
after a general decision has been reached. Do you agree?

Very truly yours,

ERE:MS

LEWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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November 20, 1929

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Dear Mrs. Levy: p It seems to me that the action at the last meeting prepares us to take from the shelf the Play School project. I think the next step is for me to have a long talk with Mrs. Stein, next time I am in New York, and to get some definite recommendations to present to an early meeting of the Executive Committee. I do not see much likelihood of getting to New York within the next fortnight or two, but just as soon as I can, I shall let both you and Mrs. Stein know, hoping not only for a talk with her but for a sight of you.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, I think it proper and right that I should apologize for the very crude way in which I discussed family matters at the dinner meeting on marital relations. I was trying very hard to get a little lightness and informality into what threatened to be a most formal and formidable body. My intention, I think, was right. My procedure was exceedingly clumsy. Under attack, of course I was unwilling to admit this, but since you became so gracious, I think this apology is due.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MS

Mrs. David Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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*P. Levy-Adelle (Mrs David)*

March 5, 1930

My dear Mrs. Levy: About the (Croton-on-Hudson School) - I think we should not attempt to help individual schools, except as they will contribute most to one of our major objectives.

Our procedure in this new field of education and child growth shapes itself in my mind something as follows. We should report at the Spring meeting of our Board the results of our explorations and studies since the November meeting - including the information and suggestions brought out at the Hot Springs conference. On the basis of this we shall probably agree on several major lines of activity. Among these may be

- (a) Aid to one or more of the great schools of education.
- (b) The creation of a council or board of strategy on a national scale, comparable in education to the Social Science Research Council in that group of sciences.
- (c) A survey of various types of experimental education in this country, and possibly abroad, with a view not only to the work itself but to the possibility of fitting it or adapting it to the public schools.
- (d) Support of psychological studies of child growth such as that being made by the group in Toronto.
- (e) Contributions to a few (say three to five) of the very finest of the experimental schools to enable them to carry further the most interesting aspects of their programs.

Under the last category our aim would be not to help needy schools, but to pick out with great care the very best of the entire country and give them an added margin of funds to perfect one or another aspect of their work, to publish reports, train apprentice teachers, and otherwise diffuse their best methods throughout the general school system.

In no case, in my thinking, should we begin to give to schools just because they are good and needy. That is an endless trail. There are certainly scores, probably hundreds, of such schools about the country - any of which could make out a good case on its merits. A foundation simply cannot

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cannot attempt to make contributions to individual good schools. That, it seems to me, is the job of individual donors in the community who may and should help because of personal or local interest.

Any schools that we may want to help for demonstration purposes, will very likely be in a fairly good position financially, rather than showing a deficit. Our help will be not because of the needs of the individual school, but because of its potential influence on schools generally.

If you agree with this general philosophy, I suggest that - so far as the Fund is concerned - we do not attempt to go into the wants and needs of any individual school at this time.

Greetings and salutations to you and the Doctor.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MS

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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950 PARK AVENUE

New York, March 20th, 1930.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
c/o Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
900 South Homan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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My dear Mr. Embree:

I quite understand your attitude in regard to the Croton-on-Hudson School. However, regardless of the fact that it is small and struggling, it seems to have tremendous vitality and to be carrying out some interesting and original projects. Of course, I appreciate that it is probably one of a score of such schools and that the Rosenwald Fund cannot begin to touch this phase of education.

In regard to the April meeting, I should personally prefer to have it held a week earlier or a week later, but if that is the date most convenient to the majority of the members, I will try to be there on April 26th. Will you let me know the final decision as to the date? I will see you at that time, if not before.

With cordial personal greetings to you and Mrs. Embree from my doctor and me, I am

Yours sincerely,

Adelle R. Levy

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March 31, 1930

My dear Mrs. Levy: When we were in Hot Springs you spoke to me about the possibility of the Fund's contributing to the building of the New School for Social Research. Since then I have had a letter from the Chairman of the Campaign Committee. I have discussed the matter directly with Dr. Alvin Johnson. He agrees heartily that our gift to current support is our fair share toward the total needs of the school. He says that he purposely refrained from asking us for a gift toward the building and that the solicitation was sent out without his knowledge. He is so gentlemanly about it all that it makes one feel more than ever like standing by. However, I still feel that we should not make another gift to this project at this time. At the end of the five year term, if things look as they do now, I think we should renew or enlarge our contribution to current support.

I have just returned from a meeting of the Southern section of the Social Science Research Council. In the course of the meetings awards were made by a special committee of fellowships to southerners in the social sciences on the basis of support from our funds voted a year ago. These fellowships should do a good deal to stimulate sober study of social and economic problems in the south, and to put interracial and other similar questions on an intellectual instead of an emotional basis.

While in New Orleans I naturally saw a great deal of the Edgar Sterns, and the Levys were not omitted from our conversations. Greetings to you both.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:DC

Mrs. David M. Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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April 1, 1930

Dear Dr. Levy: I hope very much that it will be possible for you to be in Chicago at the time of the next meeting of the Trustees of the Fund, that is, Saturday and Sunday April 26 and 27. We should like to talk with you further concerning the proposed marital clinic, and we should also like to have your counsel with us in the program in general education. It would be a great service if you could attend at least the sessions on Saturday. We should gladly meet your travel costs for this meeting.

There is another thing I should like to talk over with you before reaching a final decision, that is, concerning Washburne's application for support (a) of a mental hygiene clinic in Winnetka, and (b) of a teachers' college. Personally I am not inclined to recommend support to either of these projects. The second we have already discussed, and I understand a recommendation is to be in the negative. While I am very anxious to see first rate work in mental hygiene set up at other school centers, it does not seem to me that Winnetka is likely to be a really significant enterprise in the national strategy. The Institute for Child Guidance in New York is, of course, one of the great centers, and child guidance clinics supported by the Commonwealth Fund are, I imagine, bringing in a lot of interesting information. The group in Toronto is doing what to my mind is a beautiful piece of research and service.

I think our Fund, if it does anything further in this field, should confine itself to the support of one or at most two additional centers. And these should be chosen with regard to the importance of the work they are likely to do and to its influence nationally. I think one such place we are likely to be interested in is in connection with the experimental schools at the University of Chicago, as a part of the development of the mental sciences at that university. I cannot persuade myself that the Winnetka unit under Washburne's leadership is likely to be another one of these world shakers, as I have said. I should like to discuss the matter carefully with you before reaching a final decision.

Very truly yours,

ERE:DC

Dr. David M. Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City





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April 4, 1930

Dear Embree:

Many thanks for the book, "Human Biology (ack) and Racial Welfare", and also the monumental arbeits of the proceedings, which was beautifully done regardless of the content. Your introduction to "Human Biology" is a very nice orientation. How do you do it?

We met the prodigals on their return last Wednesday evening. Both look very well. We all had dinner together Thursday evening.

Did you know that William has contributed quite a bit to Swathmore and a little bit to a birth control clinic in Philadelphia? His philanthropic antennae are budding.

Regards to Al, to Michael Davis and to your secretary.

Sincerely,

David.

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
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950 Park Avenue  
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HE SCARCELY REALIZES FUNDS OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING IN THIS GREAT  
FIELD COMPARABLE TO ROCKEFELLER INFLUENCE IN BACTERIAL DISEASE STOP IN  
ADDITION TO MUCH PRACTICAL HELPFULNESS I AM JEALOUS TO SEE ROSENWALD  
NAME AND FUND ASSOCIATED WITH A SCIENTIFIC MOVEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL  
SIGNIFICANCE TO MANKIND

Edwin R. Embree

SENT BY Julius Rosenwald Fund  
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September 9, 1930

Dear Mrs. Levy: Welcome home! Alfred and Marion Stern have given me preliminary reports of what must have been a delightful summer. I am sure that you and your distinguished husband added greatly to the joy and profit of the Sterns on this trip.

You remember that last spring we talked about the matter of distributing publishers' remainders of books. I have since talked the matter over in detail with Mr. Rosenwald. He is interested but he felt very definitely that the Fund should not undertake any further activities outside its regular program. As you know, I agree with him as to the general policy. Since we are using currently considerable amounts of our capital, the present market affects us much more than it does organizations that are spending simply their cash income. Neither our funds nor our attention can wisely include more than a very few definite lines of work. We have already expanded, I feel, to our full present capacity. All this Mr. Rosenwald puts in much more categorical and picturesque language.

I have thought that you might be interested in my brief analysis of this project which formed the basis of my talk with Mr. Rosenwald. I am therefore enclosing copy of this paper. It occurred to me that in the absence of support by the Fund, individuals might be interested in getting this enterprise under way. Mr. Rosenwald thinks so too, but he says at the moment he doubts if he would be willing to be one of those individuals.

Very truly yours,  
EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mrs. David Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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Levy-David (Mrs)

December 9, 1930

My dear Adele: I have had a talk with Dr. Bowman and I am hoping to see him again before he leaves Chicago. He seems to me a remarkably wise person. I am delighted to make his acquaintance. It seems to me quite possible that your people have found one of the really good, sensible, and creative minds in modern education. Even if he isn't as good as he seemed to me on first acquaintance, he is certainly far above the average of such men. May I make two suggestions? I am sure you will receive both in the spirit in which they are written. They are simply suggestions. You and your committee will know whether it is wise to do anything about them.

1. If Bowman is as good as he looks, I think it would be wise to have him make some general studies of modern school tendencies, rather than to expect him to devote the major part of his time to extending play schools. We really need appraisal and sound thinking on progressive movements more than we need educational schools. So far as the contribution from the Fund is concerned, I think we would be happier if we felt we were adding something to the general idea rather than simply bringing into being a number of schools in other cities. The two things are not alternatives. I should think they could both go along together. It is chiefly a matter of emphasis. My opinion is that the emphasis should be upon appraisal and interpretation of present tendencies.

2. I hope something can be done to add a representative list of non-Jews both to the special committee and to the whole Child Study Association. It is astonishing that the movements for nursery schools, parent education and child study are almost exclusively Jewish. I realize that this is not because the Jews are trying to monopolize the field, but simply because they have been more interested and more willing to take trouble and responsibility in the matter. Nevertheless, I am unwilling to admit that the Jews are the only ones who combine the intelligence and public spirit involved in this work. I think the whole movement is weakened because it is thought of so largely as the "property" of a single group. At any rate, would it not be strengthened if it had a more generalized backing? Maybe Mr. Bowman can help in searching out and bringing in important non-Jewish influences.

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Mrs. David Levy - 2

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Greetings and salutations! It was a delight to have the pleasant evening with you and your charming Doctor in New York. Please tell C. D. that I still await impatiently the Jerome Frank book. I am stubbornly relying on his promise and refusing to buy a copy myself. Possibly he is reserving it for a Christmas surprise.

Very truly yours,

ERE:VD

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David Levy  
950 Park Avenue  
New York City

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*Levy, David (Mrs)*

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November 13, 1932

Dear Mrs. Levy: At the meeting of the Julius Rosenwald Fund held November 12, the members by unanimous vote expressed their appreciation for the services as trustees of Adele R. Levy and Edgar B. Stern, who had served on the board since its reorganization in 1928, and their regret that the by-laws of the Fund made it impossible for these members to continue on the board.

May I add a word of personal appreciation and regret along with this official expression? We shall miss your stimulating personality. I hope that we can continue to count upon your interest and counsel both formally and personally.

Very truly yours,

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ERWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. David Levy  
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136 EAST 57<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
NEW YORK CITY

January 11, 1938

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
900 South Homan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Edwin:

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. David P. Boder, who is head of the department of psychology at Lewis Institute. I have no particular interest in the museum. I don't quite understand what purpose it can serve by enabling the public to visualize the problems of psychology by means of apparatus and diagrams. However, I don't understand a lot of the functions of a museum, and feel that you are in a much better position to judge such matters than I.

I know that the Fund has no special interest in such a project, nevertheless, I assure you that you will find Dr. Boder a most interesting personality and well worth an interview.

Kindest regards.

Cordially,

*David*

David M. Levy, M.D.

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November 12, 1937

Dr. David M. Levy  
136 E. 57th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Levy:

As you probably may have heard the idea of a Psychological Museum which I have off and on discussed with you since 1927 has come somewhat nearer to realization. Some friends of mine have pledged the initial amount of about one thousand dollars and we have become active for some time already, in the form described in the attached bulletin. Our budget for 1937-38 calls for the expenditure of about four thousand dollars. I hope that you will not consider it inopportune if I shall ask you and Mrs. Levy for an introduction to the Rosenwald Foundation, and the possible endorsement of the activities of the museum.

As you probably know, my official status is Professor and head of the Department of Psychology and Philosophy at Lewis Institute, and that our work in the line of research as well as teaching has been rather successful.

The museum is organized as a separate corporation, but the Lewis Institute has agreed to lend its space for the offices, library, and minor exhibits. It is my sincere belief that the activities of the museum will definitely contribute to a more sound approach on part of youth and people engaged in industry and the professions to a better understanding of the problems of conduct and mental activity.

In addition to visualizing by means of apparatus and appealing diagrams, the problems of general psychology, such as perception, learning, and emotions, we are directing our attention especially towards the psychological aspects of education, safety, industrial efficiency, and the fine arts. We were fortunate to have obtained the pledges of cooperation from a number of competent authorities in these fields.

With kindest personal regards,  
*David P. Boder*  
David P. Boder

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## Topics

### PSYCHOLOGICAL MUSEUM

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#### CHARTER

The PSYCHOLOGICAL MUSEUM was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois on October the 25th, 1937, as a corporation not for profit. The purpose of the museum as stated in the application for the charter is described as follows: "to acquire, construct, manage, control, and operate a museum of psychology and related sciences.... and perform all the functions relating in any way to the teaching and development of psychological knowledge, theoretical as well as applied."

The trustees are: Arthur Weil, M.D., of Northwestern University, Irene Case Sherman, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Illinois, and David P. Boder, Ph.D., of the Lewis Institute. Professor Boder, who is head of the department of Psychology and Philosophy at Lewis Institute, has been chosen as executive director of the museum.

#### PROGRAM FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

It is the consensus of opinion of the original sponsors and trustees of the Psychological Museum that no attempt should be made at the present time to acquire a building or in general to expend effort in creating an extensive setting which would require a large overhead expense. On the contrary, the intention is to mobilize the laboratory resources of the psychology departments of universities, colleges and clinics of the Chicago region with the possible cooperation of other institutions of the middle west as well as of any scientific organization in this country or abroad.

The efforts of the museum are directed at present toward the following aims:

1. To organize in Chicago during the academic year 1937-38 two large ten day exhibits demonstrating equipment and procedures of Experimental Psychology in the general as well as in the applied fields such as education, fine arts, business, industry, criminology, medicine, sociology, anthropology, and teaching of the physically or mentally handicapped.

2. To sponsor during the entire year minor exhibits at the psychology laboratory of the Lewis Institute or any other suitable place, accompanied by demonstration lectures for school children, professional groups, parent teacher organizations and students of psychology especially of schools with none or incomplete laboratory facilities.

3. Such exhibits with qualified lecturers could be upon invitation sent out of town for periods of one or two days to teacher's

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colleges, community organizations, and other educational bodies especially if the expenses for such exhibits are defrayed by organizations requesting the service.

4. There should be an academic sector of activities of the museum aimed to assist the student and researcher with psychological labor saving devices in the field of reference material or statistical tools. With this purpose in mind a reference library of offprints from psychological periodicals and those of related sciences is being organized. These offprints are being filed according to subject matter and it is expected that they will offer when accumulated with certain completeness a solid starting point to all those intending to embark upon a project of investigation or research in any special topic of psychology. All authors of articles and monographs in the fields of theoretical and applied psychology who desire that their publications be deposited with the museum, are requested to send offprints of their material available up to date, and to put the museum on their mailing list.

5. A special collection is planned referring to the history of psychology in general and in the United States in particular.

6. An attempt will be made to provide a special reference service for teachers on the new developments in psychological procedures in the field of aptitude testing, objective appraisal of achievement, vocational guidance and remedial teaching.

7. An attempt is being made to create an appropriate film library.

#### LECTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Since October 14, the museum has been active in offering demonstration lectures in Experimental Psychology at the Lewis Institute laboratories. A series of three lectures was given for a group of McKinley High School students under the following titles: (1) Knowing through the senses, (2) Learning and work, and (3) Fear, anger, and joy. At the end of the series five prizes (beginning textbooks in psychology) were awarded for written reports on the lectures.

On Saturday, November 6, a group of students from Wright Junior College were given a two hour demonstration. A series of three lectures for a group from the Lucy Flower High School and a two hour demonstration lecture for the Nurses of Cook County Hospital are scheduled for the coming three weeks.

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