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Dear "Army" -

Hope you have had some rest from Cincinnati activities and that you are back in the harness in the best of health mentally, physically, and spiritually.

This is to acquaint you with an idea which I have with reference to recruitment and its program for the year. I have just discussed it with Ed Cooper and he thinks that it would be a good idea. I wish now to describe it to you and would trust that you can see its merit.

The recruitment forum held on Sundays at the convention have attracted almost entirely adults, to whom we have lectured in terms of overall program techniques, desirability in medical recruitment, etc. I should like to see during my administrative period a complementary approach in terms of a national conference and workshop which would demonstrate what can be done at a local level, but with overtones of national sponsorship. This can be done by Cooper and his Council, with the legwork carried out by Dr. Andrew Thomas - one of its members, at the time of the meeting of the Trustee Board in Chicago during the month of February. Many of the official family will be here, including officers of the women's auxiliary. This could have the cooperation of local organizations who are doing complementary jobs in this field, and would have the advantage of having had previous conferences here which the NMA has participated in and which has had the kind of success that has caused the community to demand repetition under some type of sponsorship. The cooperating organizations could help to some extent in financing the conference, as well.

Hope you would have no major objections to this kind of conference. It, of course, could be set up so that there would be no conflict with the official business of the Board. Would appreciate knowing the dates on which the Board plans to meet.

I can assure you that activities are going along with members of our local committees so that you need not have any fear of a first-class convention here in August.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leonidas

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