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Doctor Carlton Simon  
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New York City.

Dear Doctor Simon:

I think your idea that Hobson will use for propaganda purposes the name and prestige of everyone who attends his conference is true. Nevertheless, you may in your critical review of the proceedings give information that thoughtful people would not otherwise get. This would doubtless offset any advantage the propagandists would gain by publishing the fact that you attended the conference.

Your idea of the radio talk and the talk to the Conference of Womens Clubs is to my mind very good. I do not think that it is necessary to mislead the people in order to make them appreciate that drug addiction is a harmful thing that ought to be controlled. In fact, I believe the arousing of their fears- by making false statements that thousands of school children are being addicted, and that someone may have slipped a drug into the candy and apples that they eat in order to addict them- is positively harmful to the emotional balance of both parents and children. Of course, such statements are dishonest because they are known to be false and are doubtless intended to be profitable to the authors of them. All things considered, it would be a very commendable act for you to give to the women the facts about the school children situation. I know of no one better qualified to do it than you are.

I wonder if Professor Chamberlain knows that all but three- or possibly 2- of the States already have narcotic laws, and that some of these laws are more drastic than the Harrison Law.

I hope to be in New York within a week or ten days and, of course, will want to talk with you while there.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Kolb,  
Surgeon.

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