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Mr. F. L. Partlo, President  
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Dear Dr. Partlo:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of January 29.

Regarding "Mother and Child," I am sending you some comments by others regarding it, together with a short story of my wife, photographically speaking, which I think may interest the wives of some of your faculty. I am also glad to say that the book has been requested by the United States Information Agency for distribution abroad as they believe it will tell the story of America better than some other things. They are receiving 150 copies.

Recently two different women got the story to my wife that the book had changed their lives as they were greatly bogged down with busy husbands and insistent and budget-needing children and the book gave them a true picture of the importance of the work they were doing.

Regarding the Right Shoulder Guide Line, I wonder if anyone in the School would like to act as correspondent for us with the idea that if he felt it was important, he would endeavor to get it introduced into the Hills and we could send him all the data that we have.

Since my letter of January 14 to you, we have been advised that the State of Utah has determined to paint 1,000 miles of two-lane highways this year and a number of other states are greatly interested. We have, of course, corresponded with the South Dakota Highway Department as well.

Regarding the School of Mines Fund, I will state that about 1926 I made myself trustee for a fund for the benefit of the School which, of course, is entirely separate and distinct from The Dorr



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Foundation. This Fund furnished the \$100 for the Dorr Prize for metallurgical engineers and with increased capital behind it, established the same \$100 for chemical engineers. I think the other contributions have been made by The Dorr Foundation. The School of Mines Fund, however, is in position to make additional contributions to you in connection with the Library as we have been somewhat fortunate in our investments.

I was very sorry I was not able to attend the Chicago meeting.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

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Enclosures: Comments on book and reprint from County Fair