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Hon. John A. Mead,  
Rutland, Vt.

My dear Governor,-

I have yours in regard to the "Sterilization of Degeneracy," and, will say, that this question of degeneracy to me is one of the most interesting although unpleasant subjects that I ever had under consideration. I have very pronounced and emphatic opinions regarding the subject, and have given it a great deal of thought and study.

You allude to the fact that the State of Indiana has a law governing this subject. Would it be possible for me to get a copy or an abstract of that law. I would give almost anything for it.

As soon as I can devote sufficient time to the subject, I will give you my opinion in detail upon it.

Doubtless you have learned the outcome of the Kent fiasco to which you allude. He never left the grounds at all, but was in hiding in the coal shed.

Very respectfully yours,

Don D. Grout

Supt.

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