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My dear Dr. Mehoe:

Thank you very much for your comprehensive letter of recent date. I really appreciate your frankness in discussing matters of importance to the two Associations, for it is only by frank discussion that we can best iron out certain difficulties which appear to have arisen.

I am in complete agreement with you relative to the scientific exhibits. Our present tentative plan is perhaps to have them in the balcony of the ballroom at the Drake Hotel, so that they will be completely divorced from the commercial exhibits. If they are not held in the balcony, they will be segregated in some other manner. We are anxious to have a group of excellent scientific exhibits at the next meeting, and you need have no inhibitions as to your plans concerning this because there will be no connection with the commercial exhibits. Dr. R. C. Gardiner of 5301 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, is Chairman of the Scientific Exhibits Department for our coming convention, and I am sure you will be glad to keep in touch with him.

Relative to the conflicting programs--this is a matter which is always difficult to adjust to the satisfaction of all concerned. For example, the Governmental Hygienists wish to have two days, perhaps the 24th and the 25th of April, for their own group exclusively, but I don't see how we could give them these two days without

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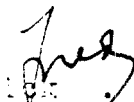
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conflicting materially with the other two associations, to say nothing of the Industrial Nurses. So, we have to iron out some plan that will be satisfactory to them and still not cause too much conflict elsewhere. In order that the best interests of all be served, each association will have to give and take a bit here and there. I see no reason why a thoroughly satisfactory arrangement can not be made so that the main meetings can be held without conflict with some other subsidiary meetings devoted to special subjects periods being held at the same time. In almost every medical convention of any size, one finds he would like to be two places at the same time occasionally, and that is unavoidable. The matter of chief importance would seem to lie in the careful selection of the program so as to avoid conflict wherever possible.

I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to Dr. Melvin N. Newquist, our President-Elect and General Chairman. Dr. Newquist will be in Chicago on September 12th and we are planning to have the first preliminary meeting relative to the program at that time. I would think it would be very helpful if you could plan to be here on that date. Our meeting will probably be held at 8 o'clock and extend through the evening. A personal and frank discussion should straighten all the difficulties out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Very sincerely yours,


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