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AIR MAIL

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Dear Red:

I deeply regret my delay in writing, but I find great difficulty in keeping up with the parade at present. In some respects it is fortunate that I delayed replying until after a recent (February 9) Conference on Industrial Medical Education in Chicago, sponsored by the Council on Medical Education and the Council on Industrial Health of the A.M.A., where our group was represented by Dr. Ashe at my request. Ideas were presented that tend to set forth the issues and show what we must be prepared to discuss.

First we must decide whether to discard or include some discussion of undergraduate teaching in industrial medicine. If this is not to be included - and I personally doubt that time will permit more than brief reference to it - I can so indicate in opening the subject as moderator, merely pointing out that orientation of the medical student is the object of such a course.

Second, subjects should be given to speakers or chosen by them, and they should be held, within reasonable bounds, to the subjects assigned and to well-defined time limitations.

Third, we must have representation from deans, teachers, industrial physicians and investigators. If there were a vocal representative of industrial management, it would be good, but I know of no one likely to fill the bill out of any real knowledge, experience or honest thought on the problem.

I have gone over your list and have certain comments to make:

1. I regret the choice of Weiskotten, but perhaps we should defer to Carl Peterson's wish. We have little time for inconsequential discussion, however.
2. Dublin is, I think, a good choice. He has ideas and has worked at the job of teaching in this field, both with undergraduates and graduates, and he has listened to a wide variety of discussion with an intelligent and attentive ear.
3. I have no opinion on Bristol. You may have good reason. If not, and if you are thinking of observing the amenities, I should

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drop him. But I leave it to you.

4. McElroy is a good choice.

5. In the case of Kronenberg, I may be prejudiced, but I doubt if the choice is justified. I have never heard him say anything.

6. Waring - by all means should be urged to speak.

7. Simmons is probably an excellent choice, not so much because of his experience in this matter, but because he is wise, well balanced, and extremely well fortified with broad information.

In addition to my comments on the men above, I want to refer to others:

1. I should consider Anna Baetjer at Hopkins. It is hard to get her stopped when she starts to talk, but she has ideas and has devoted much time to serious thought on this subject. She is not my first choice, but she ought not be completely ignored.

2. Raymond Hussey is a bit diffuse, but his ideas are worthy of consideration. Either he or Dr. Baetjer (to some extent his associate when he was in Baltimore), but not both may well be thought of.

3. One of the men from New York University, Goldstein or one of his associates, must be thought of. I am told by several persons that this is the place in the East most likely to do a good job in this field. They have plans and are moving.

4. Among educators, Buchan, now at Yale, is to be thought of.

5. There are no industrial physicians as such in this group. There should be one at least who just practices in the field. Sawyer is a possibility, but I lean to Jim Sterner, Sawyer's associate, who talks well and thinks straight. Carlisle of Merck is also a possibility. You know others.

6. Last, but not least, I think we should ask an industrial hygienist - an engineer if you please, to say something formally prepared, on the subject of what an industrial physician should know about the engineering phases of the subject and/or what kind of training engineers should be given in medical or physiological matters. Eventually we shall have to train the professional group in this field to work as a team. Some portions of the training of the personnel concerned with industrial health should be common to all. Theodore Hatch is my first choice for this. An excellent possibility, however, is Abel Wolman, Professor of Sanitary Engineering of Hopkins, who has ideas and who can talk. He is a real teacher in the Hopkins' manner.

I'll consider subjects and write later if I have anything important

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to say, but I believe the subjects might be chosen in the first instance by the speakers and then redirected a bit by yourself so as to cover the field.

I hope this helps.

Sincerely yours,

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