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Dr. Henry Bartle, President,  
American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons,  
15 North 32nd Street,  
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Bartle:

I am entirely willing to accept the chairmanship of the Publication and Editorial Committee, but I think that I should have some instructions or at least some suggestions as to what should be done by this committee. I think also that the composition of the committee should depend to a considerable extent on what is to be done. You will remember that I reported on the work of this committee at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, pointing out that nothing had been done and that no meeting had been held. I was not unduly embarrassed by this, since I had told Dr. Wittmer that I was not prepared to undertake any very constructive work, partly because I was not aware of what the desires of the Association were, and partly because I was swamped with other work which I considered more urgent. That situation is still the same.

In my opinion, the Association ought to do something about the Journal, which is its official publication. This Journal has been improved over what it was formerly, but it is still not good. Certainly it is not a publication that the organization can take pride in. There are probably many reasons for this, some of which go back into the early history of the publication. Whatever is to be done will depend to some degree on the policies of the Society in both professional and financial matters. It would take time which I do not have to deal with this problem adequately, and I believe the matter would have to be considered carefully by yourself and others before any very specific program could be developed. In any case I should like to have your suggestion as to what should be done at the present time. It is only on this basis that I am really in a position to decide whether or not I am able to do any more than merely be a nominal head of an inactive committee. I hate to be on committees that have no meaning, and it is for this reason primarily that I pass this matter back to you for consideration.

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Perhaps the committee ought to be abolished.

Sincerely yours,

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P. S. I send you herewith a copy of a letter from Dr. Kurz in connection with a meeting for next year. I am sending copies of this letter to Mr. Bloomfield, President of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. So far as I am personally concerned I shall be glad to go to St. Louis.

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