

August 29, 1924

Dr. G. W. Thompson,
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111 Broadway
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Dr. Thompson:-

On July 24th you sent me a letter suggesting the consideration of a renewal of your appropriation covering the work on lead poisoning. As we understood originally that our investigation was to continue only for three years, all the active workers upon the staff have taken other positions. I think that this was proper, as the problems which we outlined as important have largely been investigated. As always in such a study, however, many other problems have already suggested themselves and others will develop in the next few years. The continuation of a formal investigation would seem to me to be unwarranted, but it would be very satisfactory to have a small fund available (say \$5,000.) to use as opportunities arise for the study of interesting problems allied to lead poisoning.

Such investigations might include further study of inorganic salt metabolism, or the treatment of lead poisoning or similar subjects. This would be impossible if no funds were available. If the Lead Institute cared to establish such a fund it would be preferable to have it considered a continuation of

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the lead fund under similar direction to be used whenever the occasion arose without restriction to a definite length of time. It should, of course, be donated to the Medical School. Dean Edsall has implied that this arrangement would probably be acceptable. If you desire, I think an arrangement could doubtless be made, so that at the end of a given period whatever sum remained unexpended could be refunded to the Lead Institute.

At present our financial outlook indicates that there may be a balance of approximately one thousand dollars left from the funds for this year, but an accurate statement cannot be given because of expenses of publication, purchase of reprints, etc.. It would be very desirable if this could also be used for further incidental investigation as outlined above.

It is a great pleasure to be able to state that no one connected with the Lead Institute has in any way tried to influence our investigations, conclusions, or publications. Our problems have proved very interesting, and we have been able to learn many new facts. I am mailing under separate cover the third Lead Report to the Institute with two copies of each of the reprints which we have received. Those from the last issue of the Journal of Industrial Hygiene and of the Journal of the American Medical Association have not yet been delivered. When they do arrive I will send them to you.

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We have a sufficient number of reprints of all our papers at present to send to those who are interested.

I sincerely hope that we may meet again,--and that if you visit Boston at any time you will let me know and come to see me.

Sincerely,

YARRIS JACOBIA CHAVARRA
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LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
WASHINGTON, D. C.