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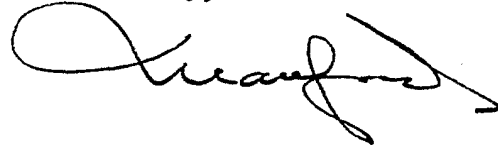
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Dear Bob:

Referring to the subject of my letter to you of December 16th, I think you will agree that, in the letter of which a copy is herewith, our friend Red has done quite a job on Dr. Baumgartner.

I hope very much that you will feel disposed to hit him again while he is still a bit punch drunk.

Sincerely,



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E. Irving Baumgartner, M.D.
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Dear Doctor Baumgartner:

I am sorry that my attendance at the House of Delegates meeting in Boston prevented me from meeting you at luncheon with Mr. Manfred Bowditch. He has told me of his proposal, an idea with which I am in hearty accord.

For some years I have been hoping that the Academy of General Practice would give considerable emphasis to occupational health problems, especially as to diagnosis. I am cognizant of the fact that the Academy must give attention to all aspects of medical practice. However, of these, occupational medicine is the only one which has not been taught in medical schools and hence the practitioner of today has had no formal education in this field. It thus appears to me that the best machinery for this needed post-graduate course is the Academy.

Actually occupational medicine is a large part of environmental medicine. All hail the wonder drugs and the spectacular surgery of our time but we are now in an age in which our environment is affecting every human being. The impact from various sources such as occupation must receive due attention.

It is therefore my hope that you as Chairman of the program Committee could start the tradition of recognizing this subject at your annual and regional conventions. I am certain the Council on Industrial Health of the AMA would be most willing to serve you in any capacity.

Sincerely yours,

R. T. Johnstone, M. D.

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