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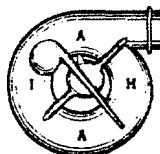
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Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 24, 1944, with reference to my circular letter of July 13. I feel that you and I are in fairly complete agreement on the issues involved, although I do not believe that the one issue which you raise is under consideration at this time, namely, the cooperation between the industrial physicians and hygienists.

As you know, I for one, very much like yourself, have striven all these years to bring about a close working relationship between the non-medical and medical groups in our profession. I have done so at times at the risk of having my non-medical colleagues tell me that I was deserting the cause of the engineers and others. This I have done because I realize that industrial hygiene is not a one profession activity.

I have always felt that joint meetings between our groups were not only desirable, but quite necessary. However, you will have to agree that the issue at stake this year is not a desire on anyone's part to have the physicians go one way and we another, but simply that some of us feel that the commercial phases of our joint meetings have come to dominate the conferences to a point where the tail is wagging the dog. In other words, the cleavage is not between the hygienists and the physicians, but between the hygienists and the commercial interests.

At the present time out of a total vote of 15 of the Board of Directors, five favor a joint meeting and five favor a separate meeting. I have no doubts as to the final results in the balloting since I feel that a majority of the five members still to be heard from will probably favor a joint meeting.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Ed Holmblad, from whom I have not heard at all of late. I have heard indirectly, however, from a mimeographed announcement I saw the other day on Dr. Townsend's desk that the physicians are going ahead and planning a joint meeting with the nurses at the Drake Hotel in Chicago during the week of April 23.

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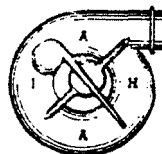
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Just as soon as I hear from the rest of the members I shall communicate with you as Chairman of the Program Committee (I shall notify you officially as to the members of your Committee) and Ed Holmblad.

As to what the governmental industrial hygienists will do, I cannot say until I have heard further word from Bowditch.

Sincerely yours,

Jack
J. J. Bloomfield,
President.

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