

the details of it.

He is an excellent employer, on the whole the best I found in that field, and he is intelligent in a practical way, at least I suppose he is or he would not have built up his large business, but he is full of ideas about lead poisoning which are difficult to get over. However he understands that whatever work Harvard undertakes will be done in the spirit of inquiry, not of propaganda for either side.

Sincerely yours

Alvin Hamilton

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Dear Dr. Edsall:

I wonder if you remember Mr. Frank Hammar of Hammar Brothers White Lead Works, East St. Louis. Mr. Hammar says he met you when you lived in St. Louis. He is now president of the association of white lead manufacturers of the country and he came to see me the other evening about a scheme he is much interested in, some research work in lead poisoning which he says the association is willing to finance very liberally. He mentioned some problems which I hardly think would be possible subjects, others which I told him would turn out disappointingly for them, but there were some that seemed possible and interesting. I told them of the work done at Harvard in manganese and in the Ludlow mills and suggested his talking the matter over with you. He is quite ready to go on to Boston for a conference with you almost any time, I think, but I promised him to write you about it first. Will you let him know if you think well of the plan and if you will talk to him about