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My dear Dr. McConnell:

This is my first opportunity since returning to the Washington office to tell you how much I appreciated meeting you and to thank you for the time you gave me in explaining the activities of the industrial department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. I was particularly interested in learning of your long consultation experience in the development of medical services in small plants. I think your idea of putting the responsibility for the continuity of promotion and the maintenance of standards on the local medical society's industrial committee is an excellent one. I am sure that your prestige and influence will do a great deal in making it possible.

I am taking advantage of your kindness in promising to review our chronology of events influencing the development of industrial health and medicine. I will feel much more certain of its accuracy after we have had the benefit of your advice. We expect to receive galley about October 25 and we will have five days for proofing. At that time we will be able to take advantage of your suggestions for changes or additions.

You will recall that you made the work of Miss Rantoul available to us and you will recognize the various spots in the chronology where we have been guided by her work. You will notice that under 1909 we have included an item showing that the Metropolitan, at the suggestion of Millian Ward, began using the Henry Street visiting nurses in an experiment in home nursing as a service to holders of industrial policies in a section of a borough of Manhattan. I assume that we should add to this item the fact that this same year the Industrial Hygiene Division of the Metropolitan was established.

I was sorry to learn that the Metropolitan's industrial hygiene laboratory will be discontinued on July 1, 1951. However, I am delighted to know that you will be able to continue your consultation work to industry in setting up new medical departments, obtaining physicians, and determining the hazards of materials.

Very sincerely yours,

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