

March 8, 1919.

Dr. William E. Ramsey,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Ramsey:

I thank you for your note of March 6th promising co-operation in the lead work. Dr. Folin is anxious to have specimens from any cases which you suspect to be related to lead in any manner whatsoever. He is particularly anxious to have blood from cases in which the question of diagnosis is open to discussion.

He will require 12 cc. of blood from each individual. This must be taken from a vein and immediately placed in contact with dry potassium oxalate and shaken up so that coagulation will not occur.

If you feel that you can from time to time send us such specimens, Dr. Folin will ship you a number of small bottles in mailing cases, addressed, stamped, and ready to be sent off at once. These bottles will contain the proper amount of potassium oxalate to restrain coagulation. All you will have to do will be to take the blood, place it in the bottle, shake the bottle gently for a minute or more, place it in the mailing case, and drop it at once in the mail. We will see that the bottles have rather large labels, and upon this label you can make a note as to the general character of the case, whether acute plumbism, chronic plumbism, suspected case, etc.

On the finish of Dr. Folin's analyses we will see to it that you have a report as to his findings, and we shall, of course, be interested to see how these reports tally with your clinical impressions.

Should this program seem agreeable to you, if you will simply sign the enclosed postal card the necessary bottles etc. will reach you in the near future.

Thanking you most heartily for your interested cooperation in this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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