

April 1, 1922.

Mr. Clinton H. Crane,
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My dear Mr. Crane:

I have had opportunity to discuss your letter of March 28 with my associates here in Boston. At the present time there is only one method for determining susceptibility to lead poisoning and we have great doubts as to its reliability. It consists in the examination of the blood of workers after they have had a moderate exposure to lead. It has nothing to do with the ordinary questions of anemia, etc. I should not be in favor of advising you to install a method of such questionable value at the moment, and feel that the best you can do is to install your compulsory physical examinations with re-examinations at stated brief intervals so as to avoid a development of serious

trouble.

The general work upon lead which we have been doing here has progressed very favorably and within the next year we should like very much to have opportunity to communicate with physicians you install and assist toward the development of just such observations as you now require. If we could work out some method for detecting susceptible individuals we would, of course perform service of the greatest value.

Very sincerely yours,