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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Many thanks for your letter of January 13th.

Frankly my reason for writing you was to ascertain if the medical profession had some definition of lead poisoning which would help to eliminate much of the confusion now existing in the operation of workmen's compensation laws.

It has been the unfortunate experience of many of our members in those States making lead poisoning compensable, that doctors widely disagree as to when a workman has lead poisoning and I note that the State laws themselves are not clear on any definition, which would help matters. I can well understand that medical authorities might disagree, within limits, in diagnosing an alleged case of lead poisoning but it seems to me that there should be some standard for the guidance of the examining doctors, which is agreed upon by the medical profession itself. As it stands, the administration of workmen's compensation laws have led to grave abuses and I have been wondering whether some protection might not be given both to workmen and the companies by the inclusion of a suitable definition of lead poisoning in the appropriate legislation.

Thanking you again for your assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

F. E. Wormser

Secretary.



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