



October 31, 1934.

Mr. Bradley Dewey, President,
Dewey and Almy Chemical Company,
235 Harvey Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Bradley:

We are establishing in this department a Division of Occupational Hygiene, one of the main purposes of which will be to give advice and help to employers in the control of unhealthy conditions caused by injurious substances used in industry. We are starting off in a very small way and intend to operate in as economical a manner as is consistent with rendering real service. We are setting up a small chemical laboratory for the analysis of the materials with which we come in contact in industry and will employ one chemist.

Our chemist, Dr. Hervey B. Elkins, is a young man who comes to us with very high recommendations from the Harvard Department of Chemistry and the Harvard School of Public Health. His actual industrial experience has, however, been limited to a summer as technical assistant for the Atlantic Refining Company. Because it is my firm belief that the value of a laboratory man doing such work is greatly enhanced through first-hand acquaintance with actual conditions in industry, I want to have Dr. Elkins make a few visits to manufacturing plants in this state. Would you be willing to let me send Dr. Elkins to your plant, to meet some of your men and devote such time to the processes involving the more toxic chemicals as he feels will be profitable to him? A day or so spent in this way would, I am sure, be well worth his while.

I can promise you that Dr. Elkins is not the sort who would make himself in any way a nuisance in the plant. He is a highly intelligent young man and will be quite as appreciative as will I of any courtesies shown him.

Sincerely yours,

Manfred Bowditch
Director
Division of Occupational Hygiene



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