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Sir Arthur William Currie, Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur

I am indeed honored in being called upon to share in the graduate course you propose on the subject of industrial medicine. I am so little of a specialist or authority in this subject that I should prefer not to appear as giving advice on the subject of industrial health service but believe I could with propriety make a contribution under some such title as 'Periodic Health Examination in Industry.' I hesitate to suggest a change in the title of a lecture in a fixed course which you have already organized but it would be entirely presumptuous of me to attempt to prescribe or advise on the subject of industrial health service since I have never myself either operated such a service or made any continuous or serious study of it, on my own behalf or in the employ of others. As the preliminary physical examination of employees and subsequent periodic medical examination of all wage-earners is an essential part of every industrial health service and as this is a matter to which I have given some considerable attention and study I should prefer to limit my remarks to this topic, though the title may be worded to suit the particular needs of the course you are offering.

To be the guest of the University, as you propose, would be ample return to me for the opportunity you give me to share in your undertaking.

Yours faithfully,

Haven Emerson.

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Professor of Public Health Administration.