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Dear Bill:

I was delighted to hear from you, as always. I am glad that you have seen a good deal of Jefferson; I find him a most stimulating person to talk to. He is a first rate philosopher and is able to do his thinking out loud so that he needs someone to talk to. Foerster was exactly the same kind. I have always had an idea that Hughlings Jackson took that way of thinking out things. I should like to have had my knees under the same table with him. Now that I am working on the last stages of the book on epilepsy, I sometimes like to think I feel the nudge of Jackson knees, but the trouble is that he was working with so much less information than we have. I would like to talk to him now that we have the electroencephalogram, the pneumogram, the blood flow records, and, most important of all, the microscopical sections before us. Epilepsy, like everything else that seems difficult, will all shake down to something quite simple as far as mechanism is concerned. I suppose there are apt to be too many trees on the horizon and much too many weeds in our bibliographic garden.

Things are booming here as far as the laboratory is concerned. The electroencephalographic laboratory is particularly active, as you may imagine. Prados has a number of men working with him. Odom is running the neuropathological laboratory; Hurteau will take the turn at neuropathology which you were to have had, and Hurteau is doing some good work now on the sulfanamide group.

Best regards to you all,

Yours sincerely,

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