





Accommodation for Patients: (b) Patients would be taken to the Institute only for study and investigation of neurological conditions. They would remain here during active investigation and treatment such as: preoperative study, the interval between ventriculography and operation, and the early post-operative period when special care and treatment are necessary. Non-operative neurological patients might also be kept here during a period of active investigation. Psychiatric patients might be brought here temporarily if operative or active procedures of an investigative or therapeutic nature were undertaken. This would not include the detention nor the study of such patients from a purely psychological point of view. After the period of active investigation or treatment were passed, the patients would be returned to the general wards or the private patient pavillion.

The space for patients should accommodate 20 public patients, 10 private patients and 6 semi-private.

Offices and special examining rooms: (c) 9 rooms would be required for private patient offices and for exercise and special examination of all patients of whatever description.

The whole institute would be dedicated to investigation and the active treatment of diseases of the nervous system, and to the pathological material from such patients. It should give opportunity to the staff to practice upon a University basis, bringing together the patients and the means of study and treatment without losing contact with general medicine and surgery. We should give up active work in other Hospitals and concentrate all of our activities.

Such an institute should serve as a center for post-graduate study in neurology and neuropathology and give opportunity for effective investigation. We have the personnel now to begin such an undertaking. Dr. William Cone is at present in charge of the Laboratory and is carrying out much of the neurosurgical work. The Laboratory has all of the voluntary workers it can accommodate. Dr. Colin Russel, Professor of Neurology, is working with us both clinically and in the Laboratory. It was planned to set aside 4 rooms in the Laboratory for Psychiatry. These rooms would not be put to full use until the psychiatric wards which are projected are built at the Royal Victoria Hospital. These wards would be separate from the institute. The common ground for psychiatry and neurology would be the anatomical laboratory.



I hope you will pardon this long letter. It is written to you in the hope that the Rockefeller Foundation might make it possible to build and run such an institute. It is not intended as a purely local undertaking. I believe that we could provide a center for neurological thought which would serve the whole continent, and that we could work effectively upon the unsolved problems in neurology unhampered by the artificial division between medicine and surgery.

This plan meets with the entire approval of Dean Martin, Dr. Archibald and Dr. Meakins. It was my desire, however, to lay the plan before you entirely upon its merits. Will you give me an appointment to talk to you about it?

Yours very sincerely,

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