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Dr. Wilder Penfield,
730 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Penfield:

I have your two letters, and have also seen your letter to Dr. Martin.

I think you are wise to go across. I understand you are thinking of Germany, and have some definite place in mind, but I would suggest that if possible you should make an effort to work up your French while over there, in view of possible cases from the French here, and possibly an address before their Medical Society. It is also a useful thing in the Outdoor practice.

Dr. Martin has just told me that he^s forwarding you \$1000. I understand from him that this is an extra gift and that your actual salary begins when you come here. The gift, however, in my mind is rather in compensation for work you will be doing in March for us. I quite approve of your programme.

Your visit to Montreal in March is already looked forward to by one private patient, who is wealthy. I doubt, however, if there is anything much operative to be done in it, from what I have heard.

I shall be glad to see you on the 12th and 13th.

As regards your salary, I understand that you are not counting on anything from us between the end of March and the time you arrive here in September. I hope you are not expecting a monthly contribution while over there. That would be rather a strain. But your letter seems clear enough in this respect.

As to Cone, I feel sure he is giving up all these beautiful chances in New York simply and solely to stay with you. I don't like to promise at this moment to raise his salary, as long as he is willing to come at the previously mentioned figure, but if he does come and things begin to sort out, I would expect to get him more. I understand in the meantime that he will probably get the Guggenheim Scholarship, and will come when you come. Concerning other things we can talk when you come up.

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I had a very good trip west and feel rested, and particularly keen to get you here and started. I feel it is going to be entirely satisfactory, if you can only have patience for the first few months.

I understand the family is going with you. I never answered Mrs. Penfield's letter. Give her my best and tell her I do think she is going to be contented up here; at any rate we are going to try to make her so.

If there is any information or help that you and Mrs. Penfield need in the matter of getting settled up here, my secretary, Miss Pickels, will be very glad to be of assistance.

Of course you will stay with me when you come up shortly. Drive straight to my house when you arrive.

Yours ever,

Archibald

P.S. I am taking new offices, and would be glad to offer you the use of my office gratis, if you can see patients before 5¹⁵ p.m. They are situated facing the college grounds on Sherbrooke St., about 5 minutes walk from the college, or 10 from the hospital.