

THE RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, OXFORD

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Dear Dr Penfield,

For something better to do I asked to ^{be} sent here until activity begins in our hospital. They have some very interesting things which impressed me here and I thought you might like to hear of them.

① Once weekly Mr Cairns and his assistants meet the house staff (Saturday at 12). They go over all the discharge summaries for the week, index ~~them~~ and also catalogue them as regards clinical problems etc.

I thought this would be valuable as a method of keeping discharged histories completed as well as a final method of grouping cases together that presented problem work.

I know your weekly calendar is too filled but wondered whether Dr Petersen would not hold a session like that with the whole house staff. It only takes an hour!

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(2) They have a very good method of keeping ~~pictures~~^{tracings} of ventriculograms etc in their case histories. When ~~these~~ films are dry the houseman makes a tracing of the lateral ventricles and another of the superimposed AP and PA ~~ventricles~~^{views}. I thought it would help the houseman to learn a little more about ventriculographic interpretation and would also serve to visualize the pictures more clearly on ward rounds when the X Rays are not always around.

There is a young South American chap working here who ~~also~~ tells me you are going to Buenos Aires next summer. He also says that Del Rio Hortega has gone there.

Kindest regards to all, many thanks,
Best wishes and sincerely,

Harold