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9 Chadlington Road,  
Oxford, England.

Dear Sir Charles:

Helen and I spoke of you at Christmas time. We had a long, gossipy letter from Mrs. Carlton which gave us much Oxford news.

You will remember our plans for the Montreal Neurological Institute. It is well under way now and we hope to have the opening exercises next October. Dean Martin and I would like very much, if you could possibly manage to come over at the time of the opening. The Institute will be put on a permanent foundation as far as scientific work is concerned because of the grant made to us by the Rockefeller Foundation. It is owned by McGill and attached to the Royal Victoria Hospital. I think a great deal of the future may depend on the way the undertaking is launched and you, Sir Charles, more than anyone else could give us inspiration and guidance in its inauguration. We would not ask you to do anything very arduous. We would like to have you give an address which might be either strictly scientific or preferably have to do with the future and past of Neurology.

Mrs. Penfield and I would love to have you stop with us while here. We would be able to pay your expenses over and back and there would be an additional honorarium of two hundred dollars. We may invite other guests but will wait until we hear from you. The trip might well make a welcome change and from our point of view we would love to have you come for a real visit.

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was coming out but fortunately all has gone well and she has no complications of any sort. She came down with the attack while down at the country with the children at our farm which is fourteen miles by sleigh from the station so, as you may imagine, we had a rather stern time of it for a while, especially as it was necessary to take oxygen and such things down by sleigh, with the temperature going down as far as 42° below zero. All is well that ends well, however, and our relief is so great that it seems all a blessing now.

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