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Ottmann

This is evidently a first draft of a ~~hand~~-hand-written letter, sent to her a days before my visit to N.Y.

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Dear Mrs. Ottmann:

they told me on the fourth

^{this AM.} William ~~has~~ left us last night and the floor, they are missing him very much as we all shall. I shall all miss him. He had improved quite

satisfactorily in mental attitude and, I think, will learn to be a good typist! Any accomplishment ~~is~~ nevertheless each achievement makes him a stronger man.

I am inclosing ^{an acct. of} all the remaining professional charges. I fear you may think this has been a rather expensive undertaking but the total must be well under the outside figure I quoted to you in Boston. There was one moment in the operation when the consultants ^{all} earned their fees and it was at that time that Dr. Cross ^{was experienced asst.} assistance was of great value. ~~An~~ ^{but not the} ~~act~~ ^{support.} ~~of~~ ^{If you will remember the} ~~operation~~ ^{you will realize} ~~told~~ what we had to weigh in the balance at the operating table.

Your ^{generous} ~~cheque~~ ^{for research} ~~for research~~ ^{which you forwarded} on epilepsy I ^{universities} ~~have~~ ^{am} depositing to placing in the ^{Madeline}

Ottmann Epilepsy Research Fund and we ^{present} are deep in experiments and ~~and~~ ~~planning~~ great attacks making plans for a for reaching ~~at~~ study.

William's own case has actually opened a new horizon, has carried ~~it~~^{us} from the simple brain injury cases to the much more complex blood vessel ^{group} cases of to which ^{he belonged} and I believe hundreds of thousands of other poor sufferers do belong.

I can never cope with Cope with this problem + realize fully the opportunities ~~at hand~~ of the clues at hand until I have a group of men with ^{me} in an Institute for Neurological Investigation attached to the Hospital Victoria where we can concentrate patients laboratories and young men with investigators. I know it is impossible of realization as the whole undertaking would cost a million dollars. But if I ever do get it ^{before I am} the problem of William has presented us will be the central problem of investigation.

I am so glad
of ~~you~~ must have a ~~good~~ ^{Dr. Geyelin wrote me you were feeling better.} real one together. If you
go to some place near New York this summer you
must motor up to Memphis a go to see us.

With love for you + W^m

Sincerely