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Dear Dr. Penfield:

Mac Harvey has sent me your memorial to Dr. Wilbert Davison. Mac was on his vacation when your tribute arrived and I have just returned from a holiday in Europe. I offer this as an explanation for the delay in replying.

Your writing, as always, is excellent and, of course, timely. Presumably the thought was publication in the Johns Hopkins Medical Journal. Dr. Davison was at one time on the Editorial Board and this makes it difficult for me to say "no." However, our present Board has voiced very strongly their opinion that we must limit our obituaries to those actively contributing to Hopkins. We have, in the time I have been editor, included only Frank Ford, Barry Wood and Alan Bernstein, because each contributed so greatly and each spent the major portion of life, certainly the most productive years, here at Hopkins. While it is true that Dr. Davison received a degree and was a faculty member and assistant dean for about ten years, he did actually give of himself to Duke.

I sincerely hope that the American Osler Society will receive your writing, and I personally think it would be appropriate for it to be read by you (or by another should you not be able to be present) at the next meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to read your memorial. I'm sorry I am not able to accept it for publication in the Johns Hopkins Medical Journal, but I trust you will understand our policy of limitation.

Very sincerely,

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