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Dear Flexner:

Between trips to various hospitals and the examinations I have neglected to answer yours of June 7th.

The meningitis has practically gone, with an occasional curious flare-up, as at Birmingham a few weeks ago. It is pretty sure to return next winter, as many of these camps will be again filled with recruits. I have sent on your note to Gordon, whose work, I think, has been the most satisfactory. One difficulty, I think, has been that a good many "half-baked" bacteriologists have been working at the subject. I hear that Robb's results have been excellent.

There is a lull at present in the work, but everyone now has settled down to the idea of a very protracted war - two or three years at least. Germany is immensely strong, but I doubt if she is fit to knock out the combination that is against her. It is tragic to think of the intellectual gulf that is being dug between such nice people as were so many of our professorial friends and the rest of the world. Revere has gone off to France with the McGill unit.

Love to Mrs. Flexner and the children.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William Osler.