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Oxford.

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Dear Flexner

Yours of 19th here today. ^(appended) How I should love to be with you all next year, but if matters go on as at present, I could not possibly leave. We are tied up with many activities, and while there is nothing very essential, it would make a good deal of difference to a good many people if I went away for three months. And then, I dread the over-warm welcome, and the many visits which would tax my heart more than my strength. Later, I will give you a more definite reply - meanwhile a thousand thanks.

George Draper has been with us for two days. We have a remarkable endemic polio-encephalitis in the country and hearing that D. had just come over I asked Newsholme to have him sent for to study the outbreak, which has many remarkable features - encephalic, adults, low death rate, extraordinary stupor, local cranial palsies, ataxic and choreiform movements and catatonia, very few with spinal symptoms. I have just opened a wire from Draper, who has been to Sheffield, saying cases undoubtedly of same type as Heine-Medin. Do you know there

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is an outbreak in France with poly-neuritic features (I expect they are really spinal) in which the organism described by you and N. has been found? Please say nothing of it as Bradford's letter to me received yesterday was official.

Love to all old friends. What a busy time you must be having at the R.

Best love to Mrs. Flexner and the children.

Yours ever,

(Signed) Wm. Osler.