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My dear George:

I was certainly delighted to receive your letter a few days ago and to hear something of yourself and your work. I can think of nothing that I would like better than to have you make us a visit and to talk with you longer about the things in which we are both interested. One of the pleasantest times that I can remember in the last year was my visit with you, McKahn and Freiberg, and the long talk that we had.

I have not the slightest doubt about the value of the work which you are doing and will do, and I have been expecting at any time to hear of very important results coming out of your laboratory. So much of one's work is done around the edges of important things, and it is only rarely, of course, that the important thing itself comes through.

I have been continuing the work which I discussed with you the last time we were together, and we are continuing to find some interesting things and some things which I think are of considerable importance. So far the relations of our experimental work have been directed toward lead poisoning only, but there are a number of side issues of this which it seems to me are likely to develop into things of much more importance than the original problem. It is a very long story to discuss where our theorizing has taken us. So far the most important thing we have determined, (and this has been done for rabbits only) has been to show us that the distribution of lead obeys some very definite law of equilibrium, and that it is apparently combined in some fashion with the proteins. There is, of course, a considerable amount of evidence of selective absorption, and my principal interest at the moment is to try to determine upon what factors, or factor, this selective absorption is due. I think that this is a rather important thing, and it will be some time before we have very much data from which to draw conclusions.

In so far as our personal selves are concerned, both Lucille and I have been having a rather quiet, uneventful life. She has been ill a time or two, and I am at present rather disturbed by something which I think is a chronic appendicitis, which I am expecting to have out in a short time. On the whole, however, we have been very well and very much pleased with life. Lucille has taken

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a course of treatment from Wherry with vaccines and has accomplished more in a few months in the way of relief of her symptoms than she has hitherto done in two years. In fact, I believe that she is in better health now than she has been any time since we have been married, and I believe that she will recover completely.

I have not read the book of Sherman Anderson, but I shall look for it. I have been reading a number of things, however. Among these are, Burton Russell's, "Education in the Good Life", Durant's, "Story of Philosophy", Browne's, "What Men Believe", and a few other things of somewhat lighter type. Much to my disgust I have had very little time for reading, but I expect during the semester which begins February 15th to make a great deal more headway in this matter. During the next several months I expect to be out of town very little, if any, and to confine myself pretty strictly to academic and experimental work.

I certainly hope that you will have an opportunity some time soon to make us a visit, and when you do come please plan to stay several days, so that we can have an opportunity to talk over the many things that we are mutually