

December 5, 1930

Dr. B. H. Hildreth,
363 S. Arlington St.,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Hildreth:

For some time I have been trying to arrange to make another visit to Akron in order to see your patient, Mr. [REDACTED]. A considerable press of work has made it impossible for me to do this up to the present time. I hope to be able to do it soon. Meantime I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know something about the progress of Mr. [REDACTED] or anything else in connection with his case and circumstances which is of consequence.

I am still of the opinion that it will be very difficult to arrive at a conclusion in his case without having an opportunity to study him in a hospital, and I believe that another examination at this time will probably serve to put us in exactly the same place that we were before in making a differential diagnosis. I wish very heartily that Mr. [REDACTED] could be prevailed upon to come to Cincinnati for the purpose of allowing us to make certain observations. I should like to be able to do suitable electrical tests of his muscles, and I should especially like to obtain small quantities of his blood in order to determine whether there is any evidence of protective anti-bodies against poliomyelitis. The presence of such bodies, which are almost certain to be there if his condition was due to this disease, would be very decided evidence in favor of such a diagnosis. I am quite willing to admit that there are other possibilities in his case, but I still believe that the best bet is that of poliomyelitis. In view of your last report to me concerning the failure on the part of the neurologists to find immediate evidence of nervous system lesions, I think it well to point out that one would scarcely expect to find lesions other than in the anterior horn-cells, in such a case.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

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