

(Letter to Dr. Cushing)  
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From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

Dear Harvey C.,

We have had a letter from Heger saying that he would very much prefer to have our London Celebration put off until a more favourable season, so we have decided to do nothing until we hear from him later. I think this will be the most satisfactory thing.

I wish you were over here and doing some of these brain and nerve cases. If I was the Minister of War, I would appoint you Neurochirurgyeon to the Army! One case here interests me immensely, traumatic Little's paraplegia. The bullet followed the line of the parting of the hair, grooving the bone deeply for about three inches, but not penetrating. He had no special symptoms at first, a good deal of shock and loss of blood, but now, after seven or eight weeks, he has developed a typical spastic paraplegia plus foot drop. The combination in the gait is very remarkable. Do you know of any similar instance? The haemorrhage must have just cut his leg centres. There is no indication of the involvement of the posterior central convolution.

Yours

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