

On Chorea Osler

From Geo. Huntington.

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Dear Doctor Osler,

Your favor of the 6th. is just at hand, and in reply I would state that Mr. Saml. Stratton of East Hampton keeps a boarding house that I can cheerfully recommend to you, and which would afford you an excellent opportunity for the study of the peculiar form of Chorea in question as his wife's sister, a Miss Conklin, has her home there, and, as I am informed, is a victim of hereditary Chorea to a marked though not as yet to an excessive degree.

Within a few miles of Stratton's place, in the village of Amagansett, I am informed there are a number of bad cases but of these I can say nothing definite as they have developed since I left E. H.

It is my present intention to visit my mother in East Hampton about July 4th., and I should be pleased to see and become acquainted with you, and aid you in any way possible, in that study of that disease.

Perhaps it is not out of place for me to suggest to you the fact that you will, when in Eastern Long Island, more especially in the towns of East and South Hampton be in a hotbed of titanus. This latter fact has long been known to the profession at large, and you may already be acquainted with it. No satisfactory reason (in my mind) has ever been given for it, but it has been suggested that the use of the minhaden? or moss bunker for manuring the land, a practice now obsolete, might be the cause. Whether there is less titanus now than formerly I cannot say, but as regards this peculiar theory for its prevalence it would be interesting to know.

Thanks for the reprints. Hoping to see you in the near future.

I remain,  
Yours truly,

Geo. Huntington.