

(Dr. John H. Musser)

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Dear Musser:

Pardon the delay in writing about that case which I saw on Friday, but on Saturday I had to go to Toronto to see a friend who was very ill, and have only just returned. You will be glad to hear that my brother is in first rate condition. His pulse is still slow, about 40, but he has gained in weight and strength, and is able to get about nicely. Some time I should like to talk to you about him.

I fully agree with you that that man should have an exploratory operation. It looks very suggestive and suspicious of a new growth, but it might just be one of those cases in which a radical operation could be done. At any rate he would not be any worse off afterwards, and it gives him a chance that he might be better. The only suspicion arises with reference to a group of cases, of which I have seen several remarkable illustrations, in men who have been nervous and worried, and who have had for a period of several months nausea, loss in weight, and sometimes with complete anacidity. Two years ago our German Professor here at the Hopkins was ready to die with this condition, and now weighs about 220 pounds. Still I think, considering all the circumstances in this case, the exploratory operation is quite justifiable.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler.