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To Dr. Geo. Dock - about a case of C.N.S. Syphilis. Good example of report.

If used leave out proper names.

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Dear Dock:-

I went over Mr. --- 's case very carefully. He has; (1) Changed mentally, is morbidly apprehensive, very much depressed, thinks he has not provided for his family, and has become singularly taciturn. It was very difficult to get anything out of him. He apparently has had no delusions of grandeur. (2) On physical examination the only suggestive features are; well marked exaggeration of all the reflexes, a slight irregularity of the pupils, lues when about twenty-three or twenty-four.

I told his wife that, while it was exceedingly suggestive, it was not right, without a period of probation, to make a positive diagnosis of general paresis. Poor thing! It is a very awkward matter for her. He is evidently most difficult to manage, and is apparently determined to go back to ----- . It is altogether a most distressing case.

Sincerely your,

W<sup>m</sup> Osler

P.S. I have had a splendid gift from Hunter McGuire's estate - all of Jenner's original pamphlets on vaccination - some autograph copies.

Would you not like to go over them? I could sent them.