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Dear Fred:

I have only returned home today, having stayed over in Quebec for the Thoracic Surgeons' and then attending a meeting of the University Council in New Haven, all of which is given by way of explanation in not writing you sooner to tell you how terribly pleased I was, along with everyone else, with your election to the presidency of the American Surgical Association. I don't believe that I have ever heard such universal acclaim and approval.

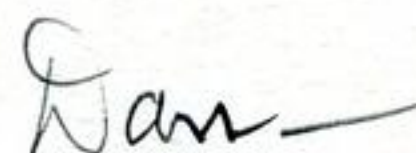
I think you can set yourself at ease regarding the Derby which, if my calendar is correct, will be run the first Saturday in May, which comes on the 7th, and I believe the meeting was set for St. Louis on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th. I made haste even in Quebec to look into this matter since I would not trust my own conscience concerning proper loyalties.

The meeting was a very good one although I understood very little of what was going on. I will tell you about some of the details when I see you next. I am planning to be in Chicago for the American Medical Association meeting, and the Executive Committee of the Surgical Division is waiting with intense interest your nomination for the chairmanship.

I expect to drop off in Kentucky on the way back, and also spend sometime there during July. We have about finished up with the house, and we will expect you and Edith to at least spend a night with us and christen the guest room.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,



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