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Dear Doctor Colebrook:

Though I missed seeing you at the time of a recent visit to London it delighted me to hear from Dr. Kellanby with what exceptional enthusiasm he regards your work during the past few years at Queen Charlotte Hospital. You have in Kellanby a person warmly appreciative of the work of yourself and your associates.

It is, furthermore, my own pleasure to tell you that we have seldom contributed to a single research undertaking which has shown within the term of its duration such satisfactory results as have come from the project under your direction. No better test case could be found for the question, "What does a demonstration grant for research really do? Does it encourage institutions to support investigative work? Can the Foundation expect highly successful research enterprises to be taken over by British hospitals? Or is research always to remain forbidding and mystifying and too expensive?" (It would seem to me that the Queen Charlotte Hospital research expenses will have saved ten times their cost in the next five years.)

It seems important for a few foundations to maintain their freedom of action, i.e., not to become permanently the source of

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support of activities whose earlier stages deserved and received assistance. Only with such freedom of manoeuvre can we be prepared to assume fresh obligations in some field relatively unproven or comparatively unexplored.

It is for this reason that we are not disposed after the expiry of research grants as long as seven years to renew or extend assistance. As I have explained before we should not be prepared to continue our grant. And one could hardly name a recent project toward which we have had the pleasure of contributing, where the results of the work have been better, and where we can make so clearcut an inference from what happens at the termination of our aid.

I wish you the best of further success, Dr. Colebrook, and I thank you for the splendid work you are putting in and congratulate you upon its results. If I could ever be of use in explaining to others the high opinion I have of your work I shall be exceedingly content to try.

Yours sincerely,

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