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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

The good old summertime is upon us and the Sixth Annual Meeting will be here before we realize it. What a fabulous meeting is developing! Here are a few of the things in store: A wonderful Guest of Honor, an excellent Postgraduate Course, and a better than ever Banquet.

GUEST OF HONOR

WILDER GRAVES PENFIELD, M.D., Johns Hopkins 1918. Dr. Penfield was born in Spokane, Washington, on January 26, 1891. He attended Princeton where he was a football player and later a coach. He received his Bachelor of Literature in 1913. As a Rhodes Scholar he was awarded a Doctor of Science at Oxford in 1920. He was an associate in surgery at Columbia University in 1921 and was Assistant Professor of Surgery from 1924-1928. He is a Founder of the Laboratory of Neurocytology at the Presbyterian Hospital in 1924. Since 1928 he has been Neurosurgeon to Royal Victoria and Montreal General Hospitals. He is Director of the Montreal Neurological Institute.

He has been President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and The American Neurological Society; and Vice President of the American Surgical Association and the International Neurological Congress.

Medical Books he has had published include, "Cytology and Cellular Pathology of the Nervous System", 1922; "Epilepsy and Cerebral Localization" (with Erickson), 1941; "The Cerebral Cortex of Man" (with Jasper), 1950, and "Epilepsy and Functional Anatomy of the Human Brain", 1954.

He is author of a novel entitled "No Other Gods", 1954, which is both historical and religious. It is a story of Abraham, the origins of the Hebrew nation, and the long road to the Promised Land. His recreational activities include farming and sailing. Dr. Penfield is an extensive traveler and a much sought after speaker, and we are looking forward to his presence at the meeting.

POSTGRADUATE COURSE

This popular portion of the program will be repeated again this year. Given on the day before the regular meeting, October 31, 1956, this course features an extensive coverage of a subject allied to neurosurgery. In 1955, the course was given by Drs. James G. Golseth and Alberto A. Marinacci on Electromyography and was enthusiastically received by all who attended. This year the course is to be on "Myopathies". In charge of the presentation will be Dr. John Garvin. Dr. Garvin is Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Illinois and Consulting Neurologist to the Alexian Brothers Hospital. Reply cards will be sent out so that reservations can be made for this course.

BANQUET

A Josh Speigel Spectacular is being planned in full color and stereophonic sound for the Annual Banquet. A large band and FIVE-COUNT THEM-FIVE top notch entertainment acts are scheduled on the program. We have been promised a maximum of fun and frolic and a minimum of speeches.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance promises to reach a new high. This means that you will have an opportunity to see all of your old friends again and undoubtedly make new acquaintances. These acquaintances will be people to see in Washington, San Francisco, and other places in years to come. The Canadian Neurological Society has been invited to the meeting. All members should see that the neurosurgeons and neurosurgical residents in the Chicago Area are invited to the meeting. It has always been our custom to do so, but occasionally the local men are not aware of this and it is only through the efforts of our individual members that this can be corrected. Attention, you Chicago members! Send guests' names to Phil Gordy so they can be officially included in the list of those attending the meeting.

RESERVATIONS

We hope to have the usual registration cards sent to the membership in the near future. Don't think that it is necessary to wait for this, however. Make your reservation today while it is on your mind. Just drop a line to the Reservation Desk, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.

INTERNATIONAL MEETING

It appears that the Congress should be well represented at the International Congress Meeting to be held in September 1957. There will be two official representatives appointed by our President who will attend. President Bland Cannon has appointed as our representatives, Dr. James Gay and Dr. Fred C. Rehfeldt. Dr. Raymond K. Thompson has been appointed an alternate delegate. In addition, a considerable number of members are making plans to attend the meeting. The meeting is to be held in Brussels, Belgium, and certainly early planning for those who wish to attend will be necessary. A postconvention trip to Russia is being seriously considered and all of those interested should write to Jim Gay so that they will be advised of all the latest developments. This sounds like an exciting trip. We can point with pride to the fact that Sir Geoffrey Jefferson is President of the International Neurosurgical Congress. He was our Honored Guest at the Third Annual Congress of Neurological Surgeons in 1953.

ODDS AND ENDS

We are hoping that everyone has a pleasant summer with a minimum of Bugs and Poison Oak. We also hope to have the Committee reports as well as more information concerning the coming "Really Big" SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING to be held on NOVEMBER 1, 2, and 3, 1956, at the Palmer House in Chicago.

Yours truly,

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