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Dear Karel, I'm sorry to have taken so long to write and to let you know how much I was pleased to hear from you and Mary during your brief trip in New York. I regret that Gladys and I were unable to join you that evening; but you've just got to stop that backwoods business of not notifying sophisticated Easterners sufficiently ahead of time that you are visiting their metropolis! Kidding aside, next time you plan to head this way, please give us advance notice. We'd certainly enjoy seeing you.

The prospects in Dallas sound alluring. I suppose that I'm either getting very cautious or am developing inertia in my old age, but I would be reluctant to make any commitments unless there is something more concrete to show than what you mentioned briefly. I have no doubt that any

Department under your management would prosper. The question is: how much are those people really willing to back you? You inferred that no immediate answer from you was expected, so that you will doubtless have better opportunity to examine the entire situation. We should have occasion to meet at one of the forthcoming Conferences, and discuss the matter in greater detail.

I appreciated your sending me the Bilbroth epistles. It was a very thoughtful gesture, and the book is interesting. When is your biography going to be published? I'm busy with all sorts of projects, as usual. Among other things, I've been invited to give a couple of lectures on medical history at Yale and at Cornell.

I'm finally bestirring myself and applying for Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. I hate to impose on you again, but would you please send a suitable, long, glowing letter (ha, ha!) to the Board of Regents of the A.C.S. in support of my candidacy. Thanks loads.

Please convey my regards to your family.

All the very best,
David.