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and he gives me the good news that he is now relieved of much of the pain from which he has suffered for many years.

I do not know what his relations are with our S.C.R. Department, but I wish you would look them up and encourage them to see that he is well looked after. When I was in Philadelphia, some weeks ago now, he was greatly worried because payments due from the S.C.R. had not been forthcoming, but he now writes me that this worry has disappeared. I believe that the hospital in Philadelphia is very crowded and that it is quite possible he may have to leave before the neurological portion of his treatment has been completed. He says that he has written to the Director of Medical Services asking for permission to go to the New York Neurological Institute for a brief season after he leaves Philadelphia. It seems that since his last operation some nerve in his leg has been affected to the extent that his leg is constantly moving. He considers that treatment in a Neurological Hospital may cure this.

What I want to ask you to do, Snell, is to take a personal interest in this case and see that everything possible is done for Cahan. I have never met any of our poor wounded who have suffered more than he. It probably would have been better had he passed out long ago, but while he lives and fights as he does, it is up to us to give him every chance to get back the greatest possible measure of health. I know I shall not appeal to you in vain and if you think I can do any good by writing to Dr. Beland I shall most gladly do so.

Yours faithfully,