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Dr. J. O. Belue,
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My dear Belue:

Mr. Walker is doing very well and, of course, you are acquainted with the physical examination.

His urinalysis showed 1 plus albumen and a few pus cells. Otherwise, it was negative. His blood examination showed him to be in good shape and his NPN was 33 and blood sugar 93 mg.

X-ray picture of his chest showed a marked density in the lower half of the left chest as well as the density which lead on up to the apex, which I feel is probably either a thickened pleura or accumulation of fluid that has surrounded the area of the lung. There are no particular evidences of active tuberculosis at present. I have been unable to get sputum except once and it was negative to tubercle bacilli.

His heart is doing better since we have begun to digitalize him, but he is still rather markedly dyspneic. His liver is about two or three inches below the costal margin.

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Harrison have both seen him with me and both agree that we should withdraw this fluid and then have more X-ray films made.

Since there is of necessity a lot of other things that must be done for him and since he wanted to go to Vanderbilt Hospital at first, I felt sure that it would be satisfactory with you, so I was able to get a room over there and have transferred him to Vanderbilt.

Dr. Harrison thinks there is a possibility of this tuberculous pleurisy having involved his pericardium and this may be causing some of his dyspnea. However, we will have to obtain some of the fluid and get another picture before we can be definite in this matter. If there are any further developments in the case, I will report them to do.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,


O. N. Bryan, M.D.

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