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Manville General Plant
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K. W. Ruffing - GHQ

Proposal for Establishing A
Cardio-Respiratory Laboratory
Middlesex General Hospital

We turned down a request for a contribution toward a combined hospital fund last fall which was a promotion toward enlarging the facilities of both Middlesex General Hospital and St. Peter's Hospital which are in New Brunswick. We knew at the time that we would at a later date be asked to contribute toward the establishing of a Cardio-Respiratory Laboratory at the Middlesex General Hospital. We feel that we are much more justified in recommending the latter.

Our Dr. Kenneth Smith is very much interested in the proposed laboratory and feels that it should become a reality because now and heretofore we must send our claim cases to the Presbyterian Hospital in New York which involves considerable expense, time and money.

Dr. Joseph A. Kler has taken on the job of fund raising for this laboratory. He called on us recently asking for our financial help. Dr. Kler believes that within five years this laboratory should be entirely self-supporting and it is estimated that on the basis of a five-year budget $150,000. will be needed, $50,000. of which would be necessary for the first year (1957), and $25,000. annually for the succeeding four years. Dr. Kler hopes that our part toward his fund raising efforts might be $5,000. for this year, and $2,500. each year for the next four years or a total of $15,000.

We are enclosing Dr. Kenneth Smith's file on this subject which includes a letter from Dr. Kler to Dr. Smith, the proposal itself and several endorsements. We are also including our Dr. Dolbow's letter to Mr. H. F. Haylor on this subject.

Our Dr. Dolbow and Mr. Haylor urge our support of this project and I must recommend that if it is at all possible for us to do so, we should go along with Dr. Kler's hopes as to our part in the fund raising.

H. J. O'Brien

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CC: H. F. Haylor
Dr. D. T. Dolbow