Band Hall - 50 Haven Ave
Columbia Presbyterian
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Dear Mother,

Here goes the first of a new series - Salem - Amherst - Morgan - McGill - Montreal General now Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia and Presbyterian. Each new step has marked growth in a thousand ways, yet through it all I have seemed to have remained essentially the same; the people and things dear to me from a very long time ago retain, and probably always shall retain first place in my thinking and feeling, so much so that though seperated from them, never estranged and the living force in this intangible bond which holds so tightly is you.

This place is so immense and has so many ramifications that I haven't even found my way around

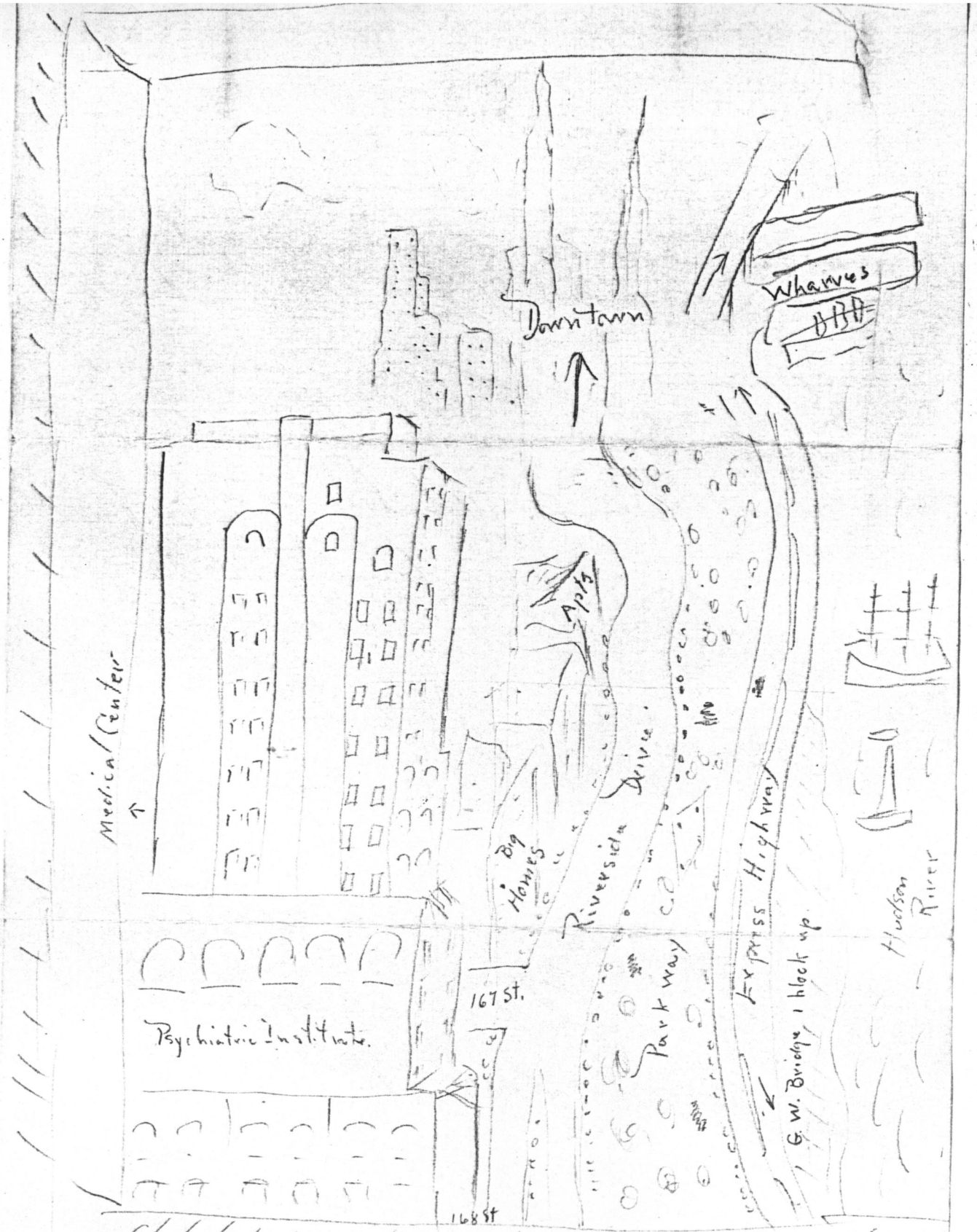
it yet. It's had a good fast start, a pleasant one too, and expect to enjoy it a lot. At the present time I am working all day (and a good part of the night) in the laboratory making determinations of the components of blood in very ill patients under Dr. John Scudder of the Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet, India. He has been carrying on experimental work here for 3 years and is to continue his work at the Rockefeller Institute on July 1 and I shall carry on the work here. He gave me two days instruction in techniques and then left on a short vacation and I've been stewing ever since. This morning at 1 AM I was called in to interpret the blood findings on a very sick patient with reference to the best therapy. Four days and

a consulting specialist already (but between you and me I haven't the slightest idea about what all these figures mean in terms of living or not living).

Later on I hope to be able to do some work in the clinics and at least make the big weekly ward rounds. What I get out of this year will depend to a large degree on the amount of work I do and the ability to get along with people and get them to give out what they know. I believe I'll do both without too much strain. There are some grand people here, its good to feel the impact of new ideas and the surge of creative activity.

Love to all,

Charlie



Please send
Slippers + trees
Collars if in wardrobe

From My Window

(Not bad)

Food - $1 a day so far
maybe less later

Room $35 a month (not good)
not too bad.