Cambridge, April 30, 1950.

I gave my talk at Harvard on Friday. I got the material at last lined up and organized, so that I am satisfied with myself, and I was in good form. Rita* had sent me photos of her very interesting results with tumor transplants and I had lantern slides made and used them. The audience was not too large—too many things are going on, and everybody is too busy with 1000 obligations. But Roman was there (famous coxen, anatomist) and a few others. I had dinner at Halls afterwards, a splendid meal.

I met the boys, very interesting and charming children, but somewhat affected by impatient parents—the old story.

George had just been elected to the National Academy—so was Victor Twitty (who became a good friend in the summer in Cali). Harrison's favorite son, H., is very influential in the Aead. He probably wanted Twitty in.

*This is the only reference to Rita in the 9 letters from Cambridge to Martha.
April 20, 1950. I just returned from a lecture of Dr. Detweiler of N.Y. on brain extirpations in a demand for life. Extirp. of the midbrain reduces their swimming perseverence very much. He stimulated them with a lead and measures the distance of their swimming. If 2 midbrains are combined, they do better than normals. Forebrain has nothing to do with it. He is very superficial and did not analyze the case. He is very superficial and did not analyze the case. He did not raise the animals beyond the early harrow stages, did not do neurology on them and did not look out for any other behavior changes. After midbrain extirp., maybe one should start with such simple things. (This has always been my opinion.)