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Dear Griffith,

I'm sorry we haven't been able to welcome you over here as I had anticipated.

Quite a lot of chaps over here are using Curare now, and I think you have put us on to something really good. The Editor of the Lancet, whom I know, was thinking of something to publish on this, and I said I thought it would be ridiculous reporting the cases in this country, unless, in the same issue, you were given the opportunity of writing an article. I understand that he has written to you and I trust you will fall into line. Here we are enthusiastic about it, and I think you have put your hands on one of the big developments in anaesthesia; in fact, I think it seriously jeopardises the place of local anaesthesia, either on its own or combined with general.

I have been using the Burroughs Wellcome preparation, and find that we are using doses only about a quarter of those reported by you. Maybe that the difference lies in the drug itself, or in the method of administration. We give it continuously through a sternal drip, the rate of which we vary at will. I have combined it with

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ether at about 5% and the use of this drug I know diminishes the amount of Curare used, owing to the Curare-like action of ether. Our cases have done magnificently and I do congratulate you on your enterprise and on your modest writing up of the subject.

Burroughs Wellcome & Co. are running low with their supply of Curare. In any event I would like to get some Intocostrin. I don't know what the situation is in your part of the world but I thought if you got in touch with Squibbs that that would affect delivery to me quicker than anything else. I could arrange payment through any London house.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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