Pembroke College,
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25th June, 1945.

Dear Griffith,

Many thanks for yours of the 19th. Any prospects of
my joining you through initiative taken at this end is poor - much
as I would like the journey!

I hope you manage to rattle off something for the
Lancet because, amongst other things, I feel that the first
communication on this subject in an English Journal should come
from you, and not be a meagre report of a few cases from someone
else. We continue to get encouraging results. On Friday, 22nd,
I gave a short paper on "Curare" to Service anaesthetists in the
U.S.A. Hospitals over in this part of the world. The meeting was
at the Royal Society of Medicine under the presidency of Charles
Burstein and everyone seemed to be very interested. I told them
that I thought that your introduction of this substance promises
to be one of the really big advances in anaesthesia. I have been
reading through some of my old correspondence with you including a
couple of letters you wrote to me in 1942. I handed them over to
our physiologist to get his opinion and have attached to one of
your letters a three-page report as to why Curare should not be
used. This just shows you that expert opinion - valuable as it
is at times - is not always right. I think I mentioned to you

'Curarine'

that the brand of Curare/which we have been using is prepared
locally by Burroughs & Wellcome and I believe it to be considerably
more potent in active substance than Intocostrin, since for prolonged
gastrectomies we have never exceeded 70 mgs and our average is about
30 mgs. I have given it throughout intrasternally, which route we
have employed almost as a routine instead of intravenous for all
upper anaesthetics for the past couple of years.

All good wishes, Yours sincerely,
R.R. Macintosh

P.S. Many thanks for your comments on the two books.
Are there any agents in Canada with whom our
publishers could get in touch to market them? R.M.

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