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Dear Sir William,

Many thanks for your Paper which I read with interest. I have looked up Generis but not yet *Princens*.

With my ignorance of medicine, I cannot reconcile the first seven lines on p. 2 with the first line of the following paragraph.

I suppose each side of the Atlantic backs its man. I had heard a great deal about Simpson and knew nothing of Marton. It is, I suppose, largely a question of Chloroform and Ether.

I cannot agree with Owen's dictum that "the sign of the truth is the general acceptance." Apply this for example to

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the belief in miracles which is still general in this country, or the belief that the sun was hung in heaven to light the earth and went round it every day, in the minds of all the generations before Kepler and Newton.

I fear I am not up to appearing before the Anaesthesia Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. The effects of old age have come upon me rather rapidly during the last few months, and I rarely go away from home.

I have had my full time, a happy time and I hope to a small extent a useful one. I am now 84 and on a steep part of the downhill of life.

My daughter is well. She is nursing now in Italy.

Sincerely yours
G. Vernon Harcourt.