

Letter from Patrick Manson re judging essays on malaria

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21 Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square,

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My dear Sir,

I fear I have failed in my last to convey to you what I intended. Personally I think "Da nobis lucem" the most original essay although perhaps not the best presentation of the entire subject.

"There came who knows, etc" has the merit of being original and giving some positive result but it is inaccurate on many points and the original work does not refer to malaria as I understood it.

"Cette endemie, etc" is the best review of the entire subject but is in no way original.

I saw Dr Veale this afternoon and I agree with him that "Da nobis" is the most meritorious on the whole. It is accurate and shows a good deal of vigour and independence of thought and is carefully reasoned.

I hope to go to the West Indies next winter but whether I bring anything back in my portmanteau worth the trouble is another matter. I am fairly sure I am on the right track but whether I shall be able to follow it up is another matter. Dealing with things so infinitely minute as the flagella of a malaria parasite is a very delicate and difficult matter. The cold is so intense here

that I often wish I were in warmer latitudes. I can hardly write

Yours very faithfully,

Samuel M. ...

I shall send you the book you ordered.