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3rd January 1817

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BROOKLANDS.

CARPENTER ROAD.

EDGECASTON.

Mr. Bettridge
writes to say in
answer to an
Advertisement in
the Tenbury Wells
Advertiser - that
D^r. Henry Hill
Hickman was
her grandfather.

D^r. H. H. Hickman
had four children,
- three daughters
& one son - the two
eldest daughters
married - the
eldest "Elizabeth"
married a D^r. Thompson
- the second "Hannah"
married W. George

Phillips of Brock^{ton}
-they both had
families - W.^m

Bettridge is one
of Hannah Hickman's
daughters - she
will be pleased
to give any
other information
that she can -
her home is the
address at head
of this letter, but

until Saturday
next the 16th. just
she will be in
Nottingham, &
her address till
then will be

c/o C. H. Bass Esq
27. Magdala Rd
Nottingham

13th Dec: 1911.

Enclosures.

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BROOKLANDS,

CARPENTER ROAD

EDGECASTON.

18th Dec: 1911.

Dear Mr. Thompson

In answer to
your most interesting
letter dated 16th inst
I write to say that
in the family we
all knew that my
Grandfather had
been the first to discover
the use of anaesthetics
- tho' he never got the

credit for it - we are
so glad that this will
now be rectified -
I ought to have a
copy of the pamphlet
that Dr. Dickenson
published & will do
my best to find it.
- I have in my possession
a large oil painting
of him (the only por-
trait in existence I
believe) it is much
too large to send to

you but I should
think it might
be photographed, the
size is roughly about
22 inches by 30 exclu-
sive of the frame.
With regard to his
life he was one of a
large family and
was married at the
age of 21 to Miss
Elizabeth Gardner
of Leigh Court near
Worcester - he was
born 27th Jan'y 1800, &
he died before he was
quite 30 years of age;
he practised in and law

Shiffnal and Tenbury,
deposited at Tenbury
was buried at
Bromfield, Salop; 3
miles from Ludlow.
I have enclosed some
interesting letters
dated 1847. as you will
see - which evidently
were written about
the time the credit
of having made the
discovery was claimed
by the American Dr. Wells
- also a copy of an extract
from the "Medical Times"
of 31st July 1847; also a
letter from Dr. Hickman
to J. A. Knight Esq, dated
21st Feb. 1824, giving a
number of experiments

BROOKLANDS,

CARPENTER ROAD,

EDGECASTON.

on animals that he
himself had made,
also a letter written
by Dr. Hickeen to
King Charles X of
France dated 1828 -
all of which I shall
of course be glad to
have back again when
you have made use
of them. if you can
give me a little
time - say until
well after Christmas
is over - I may be able

to get more information about my
Grandfather, and also
I hope find a copy
of the Pamphlet -

My Uncle - O. Thompson
has been dead many
years - he died in 1867 -

Believe me.

Y^r very truly

H. C. Bettridge.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq -

BROOKLANDS

CARPENTER ROAD

EDGEASTON

25th Jan'y 1912.

Dear Mr. Thompson

Thank you
for returning letters
which I duly
recd.

Dr. Henry Davies
practised at one
time in Teebury,
but the letter has

~~I wrote~~ I sent you
was evidently written
from some Vicarage
probably where he
was staying for the
time being - the
other word at the
bottom of his letter
is I think an
abbreviated form
of the word Tuesday

written Tuesd. -

I am writing to Dr.
Davies' daughter
tonight (having
just obtained her
address) to ask if
by any chance
she has a copy
of the pamphlet or
book that may
have come to her
amongst her father's
books; of course Dr.
Davies has been
dead many years.

I hope you reached
your destination
safely last Thursday
in spite of snow.
With kind regards

Remain

Yr. very truly

H. C. Bettridge

Car

Wm. C. Bettridge
4 Reading
No. 100
Wendell

Harrow

23rd December 1911.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I enclose herewith the eight documents which you so kindly loaned me referring to the late Dr. Hickman, of which I have taken copies and photographed 4, the late Dr. Hickman,

I am hoping to hear from you after the rush of Christmas is over that you have discovered a copy of Dr. Hickman's book. so good as to loan me. est, and there is now book which he mentions

With many thanks for the trouble you are taking, they also remembers embodies the results of importance, as it is use of nitrous oxide

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

I shall embody it well as include it in an oil painting of your I should like to re- This could only be done much trouble for you, in a packing case, and I should have it photographed ss, damage, or fire, back, and I should be

very pleased to pay the cost of packing, the carriage, and insurance, if you would be good enough to loan me the picture, to have it photographed by the three-colour process. As I am desirous of presenting Dr. Hickman's case as completely as possible, this would be very desirable.

Any further information you could furnish me with at your convenience concerning his life and experiments, I should be most pleased to have, and

Harrow

20th December 1911.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

Please accept my cordial thanks for so promptly sending me the interesting information concerning your grandfather, the late Dr. Hickman, and the important documents, which you have been so good as to loan me. I studied them last night with the greatest interest, and there is now only one thing lacking, and that is a copy of the book which he mentions in his letter to King Charles X, and which Dr. Dudley also remembers having seen. There is no doubt that this book embodies the results of his later experiments, and would be of the utmost importance, as it is there, I have little doubt, that he mentions his use of nitrous oxide gas.

Your letter contains so much information that I shall embody it in an article for the British Medical Journal, as well as include it in my book. I am delighted to hear that you have an oil painting of your grandfather, and this is so important to me that I should like to reproduce it in the book in colour, if possible. This could only be done by having the picture in London. Would it be too much trouble for you, after Christmas, to have it very carefully packed in a packing case, and forwarded to me to an address in town where I could have it photographed direct. The picture could be insured against loss, damage, or fire, from the time it leaves you until you receive it back, and I should be very pleased to pay the cost of packing, the carriage, and insurance, if you would be good enough to loan me the picture, to have it photographed by the three-colour process. As I am desirous of presenting Dr. Hickman's case as completely as possible, this would be very desirable.

Any further information you could furnish me with at your convenience concerning his life and experiments, I should be most pleased to have, and

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above all I am desirous of obtaining a copy of the book and the pamphlet as well, if possible, as I have been unable to meet with one anywhere.

I am taking every possible care of the documents, and am having them photographed; directly this is done, I will return them to you by registered post. Have you any other letters of his referring to his experiments, as every scrap of evidence would help me?

I hope early in the New Year to be in Birmingham, and I shall be most pleased to call and see you, and discuss the whole matter.

Again thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter, and wishing you the compliments of the season,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mrs. Beltridge,
Brooklands,
Carpenter Road,
Edgbaston.

Harrow.

3rd January 1912.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

Pray excuse my troubling you again so soon on the matter of the late Dr. Hickman, but I am under promise to the Editor of the British Medical Journal to send my article on the subject into him immediately, and I have a great desire to illustrate it with a portrait of your late grandfather.

Would it be possible for you to forward the picture to me on loan before the end of this week? It could be very carefully packed in a packing case by a responsible man, and I will pay the cost of such, and the carriage to London, and take the greatest possible care of it while in my possession.

If you cannot consent to this, could you get a first-class photographer in Birmingham, to photograph it for me, half-plate size, and ask him to forward me the negative and a print of the same, together with his account.

I regret to put you to so much trouble, but the matter is very important, as I now have the opportunity of placing the long forgotten claims of Dr. Hickman before the medical profession in the most favourable light.

I presume you have not yet been able to discover a copy of the book written by him, as it would throw a great light on the matter; but, failing your discovery of it, I will let my article be published.

Thanking you in anticipation, and wishing you a very Happy New Year,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

P.S. If you forward the picture, will you kindly address it as follows:-

C.J.S. Thompson,
* Gasley Mews,
Wigmore Street,
London, W.

do not like the
idea of my doing
this, but I will see
what I can do &
will either send
the picture to you
tomorrow (Friday)
or get it photograph-
ed here and forward
a negative & print
to you as you suggest;
and will let you
know by tomorrow's
post which I have
done.

I have not yet quite
given up the idea

BROOKLANDS

CARPENTER ROAD,

EDGBASTON

4th Jan'y 1912.

Dear W. Thrapston

In answer
to yours rec^d. This
morn'g I write to
say how sorry
I am that I cannot
find or hear of any-
one who has a

manuscript of book
published by my
Grandfather. I went
on Tuesday to Worcester
to see some old copies
of my Mother's copy
they might have
one, but no, they
had not.

I have today spent
the whole day

looking through
old books and
papers but have
not been able to
find anything
else of interest
bearing on the
Subject.

With regard to
Securing the oil
painting of my
Grandfather up
to London to send
you to have
copied, my brother

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BROOKLANDS,

CARPENTER ROAD,

EDGBASTON

of finding a copy
of the book or
pamphlet and
will let you know
immediately even
tho' you may have
published your
article - if I come
across me.

If you come to
Birmingham

this month - which
I understood from
your former letter
was likely - My
husband and I
will be pleased
to see you, but
hope you will
let us know
when you are
coming lest we

should be out.
With good wishes
for 1912

I remain

Yr. very truly
H. C. Bettridge.

and was never
able after to sit
again for the
picture to be
finished - so it
was really painted
in the last year
of his life -
In haste to catch
you

Yr. very truly
H. C. Prentice.

BROOKLANDS,

CARPENTER ROAD,

EDGEHASTON.

5th Jan'y 1911. 7. 1912

Dear Mr Thompson

I have had
the oil painting
of my Grandfather
carefully packed
(by a picture man)
and insured against
damage & fire &
forwarded to you

today (Friday) to
the address you
gave me and I
trust every care
will be taken of
the picture and
that it will be
returned to me
as soon as possible.
You will notice

that the hands
are not quite
finished, the
reason is that
after the face,
and upper part
of the picture
was complete,
some little time
elapsed before
my Grandfather
~~thought he would be~~
~~was~~ able to give
another sitting,
during this time
he was taken ill,

BROOKLANDS,

CARPENTER ROAD,

EDGEASTON.

9th Jan'y 1912.

Dear Mr. Thompson

I am glad
the picture has
arrived safely -
Where will the
article be published
in the British Medical
Journal? is it a
monthly or quarterly

Journal?

I received the letter
safely by registered
post. I am sorry
I forgot to acknow-
ledge in my last
letter.

I shall be pleased
to see you on Thursday
or Friday afternoon
if you will kindly

Let me know
which -

I remain

Y^r very truly

H. C. Bettridge

~~xxxx~~ Harrow

11th January 1912.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I find with regret that I shall not be able to come to Birmingham this week, but hope to find time on Thursday next. If convenient to you, I shall be pleased to call and see you in the afternoon at half past two on that day.

I expect the artist will have finished with the oil painting of Dr. Hickman early next week, and I will at once see that it is properly packed and sent on to you before I leave town.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Harrow

20th January 1912.

Dear Mrs. Pettridge,

I return the letters of your grandfather, the late Dr. Hickman, which you kindly loaned me on Thursday last.

I heard from Miss E. Thompson of the Womens' Hospital yesterday, and regret to learn that she has been laid up with a severe cold. She informs me she has not yet been able to find her copy of the pamphlet.

I am still hoping that you may yet discover yours, and that I may be able to see a copy before my article is published.

Again thanking you very cordially for the kind assistance you have given me,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

Bethridge.

Harrow.

15th April 1912.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I have pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, the article that I wrote on Dr. Hickman and his discovery, which appears, after some delay, in the British Medical Journal of this week.

I think you will agree with me, after reading it, that the proofs are now so strong that there is little doubt that Dr. Hickman's name will be always included among the foremost pioneers of anaesthesia.

Thanking you for the kindness you have shown me in loaning me various material to corroborate my facts, and trusting you are well,

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Harrow

7th May 1912.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for the value of Ten shillings, for the packing and sending of Dr. Hickman's picture.

Thanking you for your kind letter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

1913.

54 Wigmore Street.
London. W.
October 8th, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

An Historical Medical Exhibition, which I think I mentioned to you when I saw you in Birmingham in the early part of the year, is going to be held in London next year in connection with the meeting of the International Medical Congress.

I am very desirous of bringing Mr. Hickman's historical experiments in anaesthetics strongly before the Congress at the Exhibition, and I should appreciate your kindness if you would loan me the memorial written by Mr. Hickman to King Charles, and any other relics of Hickman which you may have for the Exhibition.

They will be insured while in our possession, and you may rest assured that they will be taken care of and returned to you at the close of the Exhibition.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mrs. Bettridge.
Brooklands.
Carpenter Road.
Edgbaston.

this address was not added.

54 Wigmore St.,
London, W.

1913.

9th October 1912.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I think I mentioned to you when I saw you in Birmingham in the early part of the year, that an Historical Medical Exhibition is to be held in London next year in connection with the Meeting of the International Medical Congress in this city.

I am very desirous of bringing Dr. Hickman's historical experiments in anaesthetics before the notice of the Congress at the Exhibition, and I should much appreciate your kindness if you would loan me the memorial presented by Dr. Hickman to King Charles IX of France, and any other relics or letters of Dr. Hickman in your possession.

Every possible care will be taken of the documents, and they will be insured at the value you may place upon them while at the Exhibition.

Trusting you and Mr. Bettridge are well,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

M-X C.J.S.T.

Brooklands
Carpenter Rd
Sagbator.

12th Oct. 1912.

Dear Mr. Thompson
In answer
to yours of the
10th inst I write
to say I shall be
very pleased to

Send you the
letters &c you
wish to have
for the Medical
Exhibition next
year if you will
let me know
when you want
them -

W. Bettridge is
well now thank
you, but has been

lately troubled
with an attack
of lumbago.

With kind regards
Believe me

Yr. very truly
H. C. Bettridge

Bethridge.

Ms. Bettridge writes
to say she has been
away from home
since the beginning
of October, and on
her return has
found Mr. Welles's
letter, - hence the
delay in answering
it sooner -

Ms. Bettridge however
cannot see her

way to allow the
letters, papers &c. of
her Grandfather
(Dr. Henry Hill Hickman)
to "remain as a
permanence loan"
Neither is she
willing to dispose
of them for cash;
she will therefore
be glad to have
them returned to

her after the
Museum has
closed.

Mr. Bettridge would
like to hear where
the permanent
Museum will be
will it be in the
present building?
She apologises for
not writing before.

29th Feb. 1913.

30 October 1913.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 29th inst., but I am sorry to learn you cannot see your way to leave the documents and letters of Dr. Henry Hill Hickman on permanent loan in the Historical Medical Museum.

I wish you had been able to come to London to see the Museum, as it contains many things which would I feel sure interest you. If you and Mr. Bettridge could manage to pay us a visit any day next week I should be very pleased to show you through the building before the objects are disturbed and re-arranged.

We had a special case made for the Hickman relics which contains the original pamphlet lent by Miss Thompson, also the petition presented to King Charles and the autograph letters so kindly lent by you. Above the case hangs a portrait of Hickman and a picture we have had painted of him making his first experiments on animals. These pictures bear suitable

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inscriptions describing Hickman's discovery and experiments.

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the Germans, Americans and other foreign visitors to the Museum took a great interest in the matter, and acknowledged that we had been able to prove that his claims were just and founded on fact.

As this Museum is now to be made a permanent institution in London, we were hoping to be able to conserve here the relics of the famous pioneers in medicine and the allied sciences. I was hoping you would see your way to allow the documents and letters to remain here, as I think you will agree with me that it is a pity that these important evidences of Hickman's work should be scattered. They would still remain your property and you could obtain possession of them whenever you wished.

In this building the objects would be safe from fire and from all risk of being destroyed. In view of these circumstances I hope you will re-consider your decision, and, if possible, allow

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the documents and letters to remain in the Museum until you
require them.

Thanking you very cordially for the trouble you have
taken in the matter.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

is, that my dear
Mother is not now
alive to know that
at last honour has
been done to her
Father's name.

We will discuss
on Tuesday the question
of the permanent
Loan Exhibition.

With kind regards
I remain

Yr. faithfully
H. C. Bellbridge.

Bettbridge

2nd Nov. 1913.

Dear Mr. Thompson

Thank you
for yr. kind letter,
if I had known
that the Exhibition
had been open till
the end of October
I should most
certainly have

gone up to see it
during that month.
It is very good of
you to say if ~~we~~
could come up
this week you
would show us
round before the
objects are disturbed,
W. Bettridge cannot
come but I should
like to come very

Much, and will
come up for the
day on Tuesday
next - 4th inst. and
if all is well - will
be at Drigmore St
about 11.30.

I am very glad to
know that Americans,
Germans, & other
foreign visitors have
acknowledged that
my Grandfather's
claims were just,
my one great regret

Feb'y number of the
Strand Magazine by
a W. Burton J. Hendrick
on "Shockless operations"
in it mention is made
of Dr. Norton's discovery
of the anaesthetic proper-
ties of ether -

My husband wrote
(to the Editor of the Strand)
to W. Hendrick calling
his attention to y.
exhaustive article
on the subject in the
British Medical
Journal of April 1912.
The Editor of the Strand
sent the letter on to
W. Hendrick, who it

Brooklands
Carpenter Rd.
Edgbaston
6th May 1914.

Dear W. Thompson

I have been
a long time writing
to you about my
Grandfather's things
that I lent you for
your Exhibition last
year -

I shall be willing
to let you have

them as a permanent
loan, but I should
be glad if you will
return all the letters
and papers to me
first (at y^r. convenience)
as several people have
asked me to let them
see them - also I should
like to copy them
before you put them
in the permanent
loan collection -
I have also found
my grandfather's
brass plate which

I could send, also
a most interesting
Card - which no doubt
was lying in his
Consulting Room -
that I am sure
you would like to
put with the
other things, will
you let me know
where you would
like me to send
the brass plate &
Card?

I wonder if you saw
an article in the

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appears is an
American and
last month he
received the enclosed
long letter from
him. I think it
will interest you.
W. Pettbridge has
written again to
W. Hendrick and
has sent him
my copy of the
Medical Journal
April 1912 with 25
article in (which I
hope he will return)
I shall be at home

until the end
of May, so I should
like to have the
letters to copy
before or by then
as we go away in
June and July.

With kind regards

Believe me

Y. very truly

H. C. Pettridge.

Hamm

7 May 1914.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 6th inst. enclosing the communication from Mr. Hendrick which I return herewith.

My Hickman investigation came as a surprise to the Americans, and we expected to have an outcry from them on behalf of Horace Wells, but curiously enough not a single criticism came from the other side of the Atlantic as we practically proved our case. There is no question about Morton's or Long's claim with respect to ether as we have no evidence that Hickman even knew of it.

It is very kind of you to allow us to have the letters and documents on permanent loan. You may rely upon their being guarded with the greatest care while they are here. I am returning them to you at your wish together with a list of the papers, but I should be very glad if you could kindly let me have them back not later than the 21st inst. as we are reopening the Museum permanently the following week.

I shall be delighted to have the brass plate which I am so glad has been preserved, to put in the case with the other objects, and the card which was in his consulting room which will also add to the interest of the relics. Kindly send both the brass plate and the card by parcel post to me at the above address, and please advise me the amount for which you would like them insured.

I trust that if you or Mr. Bettridge are in town during the coming season, you will be able to call and inspect the Museum.

Again thanking you for lending us the relics and documents,

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

C. T.

P.S. Will you kindly acknowledge the receipt of the documents.

Bettridge.

BIRMINGHAM

POST CARD

9 MAY 14



To be used for written or
printed matter.

Only the address to be
written here

C. J. S. Thompson Esq
Grey Friars
Harrow on the Hill.

8th May 1914.

The Registered
letters containing
letters & papers
came safely to
hand this morning
for which many
thanks - you shall
have them back
by the 21st inst.

Encuse post card
- will write when
returning papers.
Again thanking you
Y^{rs} faithfully
H.C. Bettridge

Brooklands
Carpenter Road
Edgbaston.

20th May 1914

Dear W. Thompson

I am returning
herewith my Grand-
father's autograph
letters, also the other
letters & connected
with him (few in all)
for the ~~loan~~ Historical
Medical Museum
on permanent loan.
I sent off the brass
plate bearing the

name "Hickman"
also the Card which
used to hang in
his Surgery by parcel
post today, I hoped
you will receive
them safely -

My husband suggests
that all the letters,
papers, card &c and
Brass plate should
be insured for £25,
but we must really
leave it to you to
insure them as you
think best, perhaps

when you acknow-
ledge the receipt of
these you will
kindly tell me
what you are in-
suring them for?
We will be sure to
call and inspect
the museum when
next we are up in
town, but I don't think
it will be just at
present.

With kind regards
I remain

Yours faithfully
H. C. Bellbridge.

Hamer

21 May 1914.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

Very many thanks for so kindly returning Dr. Hickman's letters and documents, and also for sending the brass plate and notice card to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. The whole together with Miss Thompson's loans will form a most interesting case, and will make the Hickman claim a prominent one.

I think that £25. should well cover the value as you suggest, and I have insured them from today for that amount.

I shall be most pleased to see both you and Mr. Bettridge any time you are able to call.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. F.

Bethridge

POST CARD.

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR PRINTED OR
WRITTEN MATTER.



ONLY THE ADDRESS TO BE
WRITTEN HERE.

INLAND POSTAGE

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.

FOREIGN POSTAGE

1d.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq
54. A. Wigmore St
London W1

ack. 21 May 1914.

From

Mr. Belbridge
Brooklands
Carpenter Rd
Edgbaston

D^r. Hickman's
nameplate and
hanging card,
other letters &
papers will be
returned tomorrow
(Thursday) 21st - into

Boethridge

Brooklands
Carpenter Rd
Edgbaston

1st Jan'y 1915.

Dear Mr. Thompson

Do you happen
to have - or could you
possibly get me - another
copy ^{or two} of The British
Medical Journal
with the article ^{in that} you
wrote re my Grandfather
- Dr. Henry Hill Dickinson.

discovery of suspended
animation? I should
be so very grateful
if you could, as W.
Bettridge lent my
copy to that man
in America about a
year ago, and he has
not returned it, &
this morning I have
been asked to allow
a doctor to see it,
who is very interested
and of course cannot
do so not having it
in my possession -

I hope the Exhibition
continues to be a
Success -

With all good wishes
for 1915

I remain

Yr. Sincerely

H. C. Bettridge.

H.M.M.

8 January 1915.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I regret delay in replying to your letter of the 1st inst., but I have been trying to find out the date of the "British Medical Journal" in which my article appeared. I have now done so, and am sending to the publishers to know if a copy is to be had. If so, I will procure one for you, and send it on to you with pleasure.

I trust both you and Mr. Bettridge are keeping well.

With kind regards, and all good wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

BROOKLANDS,

CARPENTER ROAD,

EDGEHASTON.

16th Janry 1915.

Dear Dr. Thompson

Very many
thanks for so kindly
getting & sending
me another copy of
the British Medical
Journal with the
article you wrote

be my Grandfather
in - You must
please allow me
to pay for it and
the postage -

Again very many
thanks and with
kind regards

I remain

Yr. Sincerely
J. C. Beltride.

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W.H.M.M.

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29th April, 51.

Dear Mrs. Bettridge,

I was very sorry I was out when you called yesterday, but Mr. Dean has given me your message. The notice I had that you were coming to the Museum was so short that I was unable to get out the portrait of Henry Hill Hickman I intended to show you, as our stores are some considerable distance away.

May I write and ask you to come and see the picture as soon as it is available?

Yours sincerely,

Signed.

L.W.G. Malcolm.

Conservator.

Mrs. Bettridge,
c/o Mrs. Jackson,
21, Moreton Avenue,
Harpenden.

M/S.

I think it would
suit me best
to come & see the
picture whilst
I am at Wallington
as it is nearer
to London to come
up for the day - if
it is all the same
to you? - tho' I may
possibly be up while
I am at Ashford -

Yr. very truly
H. C. Bettridge

Yours truly
H. C.

c/o Mrs Jackson
21 Moreton Avenue
Harpenden
Herts

30th April 1931



Dear Mr Malcolm

Thank you
for yr. of this A.M.
I was sorry not
to see you on Tuesday
- When I leave this
address on Monday
- next 4th May -

I am going to
Ashford in Kent,
and my address
there will be until
the ^{13th} ~~12th~~ May;
at Taitheorn

Remington
Ashford
Kent

and from there
I go to;

E. D. Linton Esq
Pont y Paul
Wallington
Surrey

until 20th May
when I return
home to Tenbury.
You see I am paying
a round of short
visits to my
friends in the
neighbourhood
of London.

If you are able to
show me the new
portrait of my
grandfather whilst
I am in the neighbour

Harrow

Blame he Thompson

Pembury

and back

in my
many
years a pamphlet

re Dr. Hickman's
history of an Anesthetic
Carbon Monoxide or

and my mother

st. in reply
reference to
to give me
copy of it
course of re-
on the history
Hickman, who prac-
ed of rendering
st that this
operation, and
ly, received with
in 1828 to de-
that city.
afterwards in
history of an-
anesthesia in
to the present
Hickman, an
oxide gas in
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ulars of Dr.
the advertise-

I have ascertained that Dr. Hickman published a pamphlet about 1826,

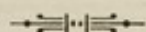
Two of my brothers
also entered the
medical profession
my brother (the eldest)
is still practising in
Hereford; his address
is Cornuwall House
Hereford
(Dr. F. H. Thompson)

I am yours truly

Blanchet Thompson

Dispenser & Superintendant
for 28 years (O. P. Dr.)
Women Hospital

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.



OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, UPPER PRIORY.

BIRMINGHAM, 17 Dec 1911

TELEPHONE No. 263.

Dear Sir,

Re, Hillman's
notice in Tenbury
Paper last week,
I have had in my
possession for many
years a pamphlet
re Dr. Hillman's
discovery of an anaesthetic
of Carbon Monoxide or
Dioxide and my mother
who was his daughter.

Told me about it, and
as I was a Dispenser
I took great interest
in it, & I showed
the same pamphlet
to the late Lawson
Tate & Dr. Scwage &
others. - Unfortunately
I have mislaid the
Book in a general
turn out of things
having been moving
house, but I am

looking for it, & shall
then have much
pleasure in letting
you see it. if it will
help you to make
any mention of his
name. I have always
thought it should
have had honour.
I believe he practised
in Tenbury as well
as Ludlow. My father
has also a Doctor &

Harrow

16th December 1911.

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 13th inst. in reply to the advertisement in the Tenbury Wells Advertiser with reference to the late Dr. H. H. Hickman, and also for your kind offer to give me further information concerning him.

My reason for advertising was as follows:- In the course of research in connection with a book I am engaged in writing on the history of anaesthetics, I find a record in France that a Dr. Hickman, who practised in Ludlow between 1820 and 1826, discovered a method of rendering animals unconscious to pain. He was the first to suggest that this method should be used on human beings about to undergo an operation, and so render it painless. His suggestion was, unfortunately, received with scepticism and derision in England, and he went to France in 1828 to demonstrate his discovery before the Academy of Medicine in that city. He met with a similar reception there, and died shortly afterwards in Paris.

The fact that Dr. Hickman discovered this method of anaesthesia in 1826 is of the greatest importance scientifically, as up to the present the honour of this discovery has always been given to Horace Wells, an American dentist, who claimed to have first used nitrous oxide gas in 1844. It is therefore my earnest desire that honour should now be done to Dr. Hickman's memory, who evidently discovered the method nearly twenty years before Horace Wells.

I have endeavoured in every way to find more particulars of Dr. Hickman's life and experiments, but without success; hence the advertisement which you have so kindly answered.

I have ascertained that Dr. Hickman published a pamphlet about 1826,

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giving an account of his experiments, and his method of anaesthesia, and I am most anxious to obtain a copy of the same. May I ask if you have a copy of it, or could inform me who would be likely to have one? I should also like to find a portrait of Dr. Hickman, if one is in existence, to reproduce in the book. Do you know if any of his descendants possess one of any description that they would loan for this purpose? Could you also give me any details concerning his life and the place of his death, and where he was buried? Perhaps you would kindly let me know if the Dr. Thompson you mention is still living, and, if so, his address, as it is probable, that being a medical man, he might have some relics of Dr. Hickman.

I should wellcome any information you could give me concerning your grandfather, as I am sure you will sympathise with my object, namely, to secure recognition for Dr. Hickman as one of the foremost pioneers in the history of anaesthetics.

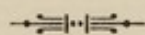
Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

I am

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.



OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, UPPER PRIORY.

BIRMINGHAM, 18 Dec, 1911

TELEPHONE No. 263.

Dear Sir,

Re. Dr Hickman

I thought you may
like to know that I
have a visiting card of his
with the following upon it.
copy of card.

Dr Hickman

No 7. Rue de la Ferme des
mathurins

Yours truly

Blanchard Thompson

54 WIGMORE STREET,
LONDON. W.

4th January 1911. *1912*

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you for your letters in reply to my advertisement in the Tenbury Wells Advertiser, with reference to the late Dr. Hickman.

My reason for advertising was as follows:- In connection with a book which I am engaged in writing on the history of anaesthetics, I wish to include in it an account of Dr. Henry Hill Hickman, who, I find, was one of the earliest English pioneers in the matter, and was the first to suggest the use of anaesthetics for patients who were to undergo an operation. I have many particulars concerning him, but I wish more especially to obtain a copy of the pamphlet and book which I believe he wrote on the subject of his experiments, to make my account of his life complete.

I notice from your letter that you say you had in your possession a pamphlet which he wrote containing an account of the gases he used for producing unconsciousness. If you would kindly loan this to me so that I may have it photographed, I should be greatly obliged. Also the visiting card which you state you have of his with an address in Paris.

I need hardly say I should take the greatest possible care of these, if you will kindly forward them to me by registered post, and I will return them to you within a few days.

It is my earnest wish that honour should now be done to Dr. Hickman's memory, as being the foremost English pioneer in the his-

tory of anaesthesia.

I should be grateful for any details, relics, or letters of the late Dr. Hickman, with which you could furnish me.

Thanking you for your letter and your brother's address, who has already communicated with me, and trusting to hear from you as early as possible,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.B.T.

Miss B. E. Thompson,
Birmingham & Midland Hospital
for Women,
Birmingham.

TELEPHONE:
855 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.

TELEGRAMS:
"NURSES, MOSELEY."

SUPERINTENDENT:
MISS B. E. THOMPSON.

TRAINED NURSES' CO-OPERATION.

NETLEY,

54, PARK HILL,

MOSELEY.

18 Jan 1913

Dear Sir,

I am sorry I
have not been able
to write before I left
to join of Jan 4th, but
I have been laid up
with a cold —

I enclose for a relic
of grandfathers, —
My Mother gave me
some of these old Bank
notes as curiosities telling

me that her Father
Dr. Wickman, used to give
her mother occasionally
these pound notes be-
lieves he had in consultation
and she paid them by
mail she had one
hundred of them. Then
the Bank broke &
they were no good, so
my Mother gave them
free for a Sale of Work,
for I got up in my
Hospital in 1896 —
I will not go hear any
other incidents later.
Yours faithfully
J. B. Thompson

Harrow

19th January 1912.

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of yesterday's date, enclosing me the old one pound note, a relic of your grandfather, the late Dr. Hickman.

I was in Birmingham for a few hours yesterday, and saw Mrs. Bettridge, who has been very kind in placing a portrait of Dr. Hickman and several interesting letters which she has in her possession at my disposal. I had hoped also to have called upon you, as I should much have liked to have had a few minutes conversation with you on the subject, but the weather was so bad, and transit was difficult, that I found it was impossible. I hope, however, sometime later on to call upon you.

The evidence that is now in my hands concerning Dr. Hickman's discovery in connection with anaesthetics, is practically complete; the only thing I am lacking is a copy of that pamphlet, which I am most anxious to obtain. This is the last link in the chain of evidence I require, but it is most necessary. I had hoped when I received your first letter that it would have been possible to have obtained a sight of it, but Mrs. Bettridge told me yesterday that she had seen you, and that you had not been able to find your copy. Unfortunately, she is in the same position, and has been unable to find hers. This is most unfortunate, but I am still hoping that you may be able to help me in this important link, by coming across the copy you once had in your possession.

Do you remember reading the pamphlet yourself, and have you a distinct knowledge or recollection that he mentions using nitrous oxide gas, which was, in those days, known as protoxide of azote, or protoxide of nitrogen, or laughing gas? Because that is the great point I wish to prove. I have evidence of the other gases that he used, namely, carbon dioxide, etc., but it is the nitrous oxide that is the one of the greatest importance.

I hope you will excuse my troubling you again on this matter, but it will

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give me considerable assistance to have this assurance from you.

I return the interesting bank-note to you, with many thanks for allowing me to see it, and trust that now your cold is better, you may find time to search for the missing pamphlet.

Thanking you very cordially for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Miss B. E. Thompson,
Netley, 54 Park Hill,
Moseley, Birmingham.

P.S. Will you kindly address your reply to my private address, at the head of this letter, and oblige.

TELEPHONE :
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.



NETLEY,
54, PARK HILL,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

20 Jan 1912

Dear Sir,

Kindly return
this card. of Dr
Wickman. as
my brother has
lent it to me to
send for I see,
Yours truly
Blanchard Thompson

TELEPHONE :
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.

NETLEY,
54, PARK HILL,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.



20 Jan 1912

Dear Sir

Kindly return
this card. of Dr
Hickman. as
my brother has
kindly told me to
send for 2 see,
Yours truly
Blanchet Thompson

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

10.15 PM

FEB 3 1906



Mr. C. J. S. Thompson
Easley Mess
Wigmore Street
London W

Thompson

Dear Mr Netley
Park Hill
Moreley

I am sending
the Pamphlet &
visiting card by
registered letter
tomorrow Feb 6th
I was too late
in post tonight
for package.
Sorry I have not
sent it before
but thought
there was no hurry
Please insure it
against loss

Harrow

9th February 1912.

Dear Madam,

I have now photographed what I require from the pamphlet which you have so kindly loaned me. I am enclosing it herewith per registered post, and trust it will reach you safely.

I suppose you never heard if Dr. Michaux wrote any book other than this pamphlet, concerning his experiments before he died, as it seems curious that in the Memorial he presented to King Charles X. he alludes to a book which he states he would like to present to him. This can hardly be the pamphlet which we now have. I can find no trace of such a work in any library, but was wondering if you ever heard any of your relatives talk of any further publication written by him on the subject.

As soon as the article that I have written upon him appears in the British Medical Journal, I shall have pleasure in sending you a copy.

Again thanking you very heartily for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

Miss B. E. Thompson,
Netley, 54 Park Hill,
Moseley.

Harrow

15th April 1912.

Dear Madam,

I have pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, the article that I wrote on Dr. Hickman and his discovery, which appears, after some delay, in the British Medical Journal of this week.

I think you will agree with me, after reading it, that the proofs are now so strong that there is little doubt that Dr. Hickman's name will be always included among the foremost pioneers of anaesthesia.

Thanking you for the kindness you have shown me in loaning me various material to corroborate my facts, and trusting you are well,

Belive me,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

Miss B. E. Thompson,
Netley, 54 Park Hill,
Moseley.

1913.

54 Wigmore Street.

London. W.

October 11th, 1912.

Dear Madam,

An Historical Medical Exhibition is to be held in London next summer in connection with the Meeting of the International Medical Congress.

I am very desirous of bringing Dr. Hickman's historical experiments in anaesthetics strongly before the notice of the Congress at the Exhibition, and I should be glad if you would loan me his visiting card, his pamphlet on his first experiments, and any other relics of interest you may have connected with Dr. Hickman.

They will be insured while in our possession and the greatest possible care will be taken of them, and they will be returned to you at the close of the Exhibition.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Miss E. E. Thompson.
Netley.
Park Hill.
Moseley. Birmingham.



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C. J. Thompson Esq.
54 Wigmore Street
London. W.

TELEPHONE:
855 SOUTH.

NETLEY,

54, PARK HILL, MOSELEY,

BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Sir 18 Oct 1912

In reply to your letter. I
shall be pleased to loan
the articles for mention
re Dr H H Hickman
Will let me know the
date so require same (Birmingham)

BIRMINGHAM
POST CARD

1. 30PM
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

FEB 12 13B



C. S. Thompson Esq
54A Wigmore Street
London W

TELEPHONE No 855 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.
TELEGRAMS: "NURSES, MOSELEY."

SUPERINTENDENT:
Miss B. E. THOMPSON.

TRAINED NURSES' CO-OPERATION,
NETLEY,
54, PARK HILL, MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

12 Feb. 1913

Jon p.c. received yesterday.
Feb: 11⁵. I posted my enquiry
on Monday night. Many thanks
for letter this morning. Am
glad you received safely. I posted
last Thursday & my card must have
been delayed. B. E. Thompson

BIRMINGHAM

POST CARD.

BIRMINGHAM

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Henry Wellcome Esq,
Historical Medical Museum,
574 Wigmore Street
London W.

TELEPHONE No. 855 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.
TELEGRAMS: "NURSES, MOSELEY."

SUPERINTENDENT:
MISS B. E. THOMPSON.

TRAINED NURSES' CO-OPERATION,

LONDON
NETLEY

54, PARK HILL, MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Sir,

14 Oct 1931

7.30 PM
OCT 15 1931

In reply to your letter of enquiring
re articles lent for the Historical
Medical Exhibition. I shall
be obliged if you will return
same to me at the above
address Oct 31st. J. M. J. H.

16 October 1913.

Dear Miss Thompson,

I was very sorry to learn from your postcard in reply to Mr. Wellcome's circular that you are unable to leave the copy of the pamphlet of Dr. Hickman in the Historical Medical Museum on permanent loan.

I wish you had been able to come to London to see the Museum, as there are many things which I am sure would be of interest to you.

I have had a special case made for the relics of Hickman, and this contains the original pamphlet you kindly lent, the original petition he presented to King Charles and a number of autograph letters, etc. lent by Mrs. Bettridge. Above the case hangs his portrait and a picture we have had painted of Hickman making his first experiments on animals. These pictures bear suitable inscriptions describing Hickman's discovery and experiments.

You will be glad to know that the Americans and Germans took a great interest in the matter, and acknowledged how I had been

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able to prove ^{that} his claims were just and founded on fact.

As this Museum is now to be a permanent institution in London, we were hoping to be able to conserve here the relics of the famous pioneers in medicine and the allied sciences, and I think you will agree with me that it is a pity that these should be scattered. They need only be left with us on permanent loan and would still remain the property of the various owners. Here they are safe from fire and from all risk of being destroyed. In view of these circumstances I hope you will reconsider your decision, and kindly allow the pamphlet to remain in the Hickman case in the Museum, at any rate for some time.

Thanking you very cordially for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women.

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT,

UPPER PRIORY, BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Sir, 2 Jan 1914

I shall be very much obliged if I can have the Hickman pamphlet back (& visiting card) for a little while I want to show it to my Committee - I will

Then send it for back
on the permanent loan
arrangement. - Kindly
register the packed
I am,

Yours truly,
Blanchet Thompson
(St. Dispenser) -

1914

3 January 1914.

Dear Madam,

At your request I enclose herewith per registered post the pamphlet by Hickman also the visiting card kindly lent by you to the Historical Medical Museum. I am most pleased to learn that you will be able to let us have them back later on permanent loan, so that we shall still be able to show in the Museum the relics of Hickman belonging to you and Mrs. Bettridge.

Again thanking you,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Miss Blanche E. Thompson,
Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women,
Out-Patient Department,
Upper Priory, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

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23 MAR 1914

C. J. S. Thompson Esq^r

The Wellcome Medical Museum.

54 a. Wigmore Street.

London. W.

TELEPHONE No. 855 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.
TELEGRAMS: "NURSES, MOSELEY."

SUPERINTENDENT:
MISS B. E. THOMPSON.

TRAINED NURSES' CO-OPERATION,
NETLEY,
54, PARK HILL, MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

Kindly let me know when and where
you would like the pamphlet returned.

23rd March 1914.

24 March 1914.

Dear Miss Thompson,

I desire to thank you for your kind note of the 23rd inst.

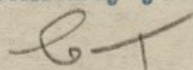
I should be very pleased if you would be good enough to let me have the pamphlet back to be exhibited in the Museum before the end of the week, so that I might make the Hickman case complete.

We are re-opening the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum permanently in a few weeks time, and I trust you will be able to pay it a visit during the coming summer.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,



Miss B.E. Thompson,
54, Park Hill,
Moseley,
Birmingham.

(map B.)

Thompson

POST CARD



C. J. Thompson Esq.,
The Wellcome Medical Museum,
54 Abingdon Street,
London. W.

Miss Blanche Thompson
regrets not having sent
the pamphlet, but she will
do so after the Easter Holiday
Hedley
54 Park Hill
Mosely

J.
TELEPHONE:
855 SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

TELEGRAMS:
"NURSES, MOSELEY."

TRAINED NURSES' CO-OPERATION,
NETLEY,

54, PARK HILL, MOSELEY,

SUPERINTENDENT:
MISS B. E. THOMPSON.

BIRMINGHAM.

23 April 1914

Dear Sir

I send, registered
by ^{Post} ~~by~~ ^{5/10} ~~5/10~~
packed containing
the Hickman Pamphlet
& card which I am
pleased to lend on
condition that I can
have it back when
wanted - I have a
small set of weights which
belonged to my grandpa,
they are interesting - old
weights & coins - Would you
like them — on loan

I am sorry I have been
so long in returning
the sheep, but I had
promised to show the
pamphlet to one or two
medical friends & retain
who had not seen it.

I am

Yours truly
Blanchet Thompson

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16 May 1914.

Dear Miss Thompson,

Very many thanks for so kindly sending the scales and weights that belonged to Dr. H.H. Hickman. I will place them in the case with the other documents and relics and they will greatly add to their interest.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

E. T.

W.H.M.M.

24 April 1914.

May 16 1914 - Dr. W. H. M. M.

Dear Miss Thompson,

Many thanks for sending the Hickman pamphlet and card which have duly come to hand this morning. Certainly you can have them back whenever you require them.

I shall be very pleased to have the small set of weights which belonged to your grandfather to place with the other relics if you will kindly send them to me.

The International Dental Congress meets in London this summer, and a well-known dentist, Dr. W.A. Hunt is giving a paper on early works in Anaesthesia. He is deeply interested in the experiments made by your grandfather, and I have given him full details which he will place before the Congress, drawing special attention to the documents and relics in the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. This will give Hickman a definite place among the pioneers in the history of Anaesthesia, and the Congress being an international one the matter will be placed before the profession throughout the world.

In the Museum, which re-opens permanently on 28th May, we are

making a special display of instruments, pictures and other objects connected with the history of dentistry, so that practically all the delegates and members will visit the Museum when the Congress takes place.

Thanking you very cordially for returning the book and card,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. T.

Thompson
(Hits B.)

Draft of letter to the Editors of the Lancet and B.M.J.

Sir,

In the course of researches that are now being made in the history of medicine in connection with the Wellcome Historical Medical Exhibition, a matter of considerable interest concerning the history of anaesthetics has recently come to light.

During a ~~careful~~ ^{prolonged} search among the National Archives of France, an authentic record has been found concerning an English surgeon, who discovered a method of producing anaesthesia in individuals on whom a major surgical operation was found necessary, by the inhalation of a certain vapour, which the investigator had already successfully experimented with on animals. I am still pursuing my investigations, and hope to

This discovery is important, as it pre-dates the first suggestion of the use of anaesthetics by inhalation in surgery by over twenty years.

Further Details will be reported when the search for ~~further~~ corroborative evidence is completed.

~~Faithfully yours,~~
Faithfully yours, in Paris, if you care to publish it in corroboration of these facts.

Faithfully yours,

Gasley Mews.

22nd November 1911.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

From further investigations during the last fortnight in Paris and in the Midlands, I have been able to piece together a short life story of Henry Hill Hickman, the forgotten English pioneer in the history of anaesthetics, who is the surgeon referred to in the record I found among the Archives in France, which I communicated to you last week.

I am still pursuing my investigations, and hope to find still more exact details of Hickman's experiments, and work, which I think will prove of considerable interest.

I shall be able to furnish you very shortly with a photograph of the actual report of the Royal Academy of Medicine on the matter, taken in Paris, if you care to publish it in corroboration of these facts.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Wesley News.

30th November 1911.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 29th inst. I can quite understand the pressure you must have had over the National Insurance Bill; I trust we have heard the last of it altogether.

As far as I am concerned I have no objection whatever to letting the paper stand over till your issue of December 9th, as you suggest. Directly I receive the print taken in Paris from the Archives of the Académie de Médecine, I will forward it to you for publication. It is half-plate size, and would only occupy about a quarter of a page of the Journal.

I am hoping to receive more interesting details concerning Hickman's life, and especially his experiments, every day, and I will duly inform you should anything come to hand.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Hasley Mews.

11th December 1911.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I am enclosing a print of the paragraph from the Archives Générales de Médecine, September 23rd, 1828, recording the Meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Paris, at which Wickman's letter was read by M. Gérardin, which you kindly stated you would be pleased to reproduce in the British Medical Journal.

Further documentary evidence from a manuscript in the National Archives of France, of the letter having been received by the King, and also of it being forwarded to the Academy of Medicine, is being photographed. But, as you no doubt are aware, the French officials are very slow in these matters, and I have had much trouble, and many formalities to undergo to obtain permission to photograph these Government records. I will, however, let you have copies of them when they come to hand.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—
"AETIOLOGY, LONDON."

British Medical Journal,

429, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.

December 13th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Many thanks for the print of the paragraph from the
Archives Générales de Médecine, relative to Hickman. I note
your kind offer to send others when received.

Yours faithfully,

C. Louis Taylor

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.,

Library,

Easley Mews (Entrance)

Wigmore Street,

W.

TELEPHONE No. 2631.
[Gerrard Exchange.]

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—
"AETIOLOGY, LONDON."

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British Medical Journal,

429, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.

December 20th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Many thanks for your letter. Perhaps you will see your way to incorporate the new information in your article. It is not "set" yet, because the pressure of Insurance literature has been too much for our printing department. But I hope things will be a little clearer after this week. Of course a proof will be submitted to you before publication.

Reciprocating your good wishes,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. Louis Taylor

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.,

Grey Friars,

Harrow on the Hill.

Harrow

21st December 1911.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Many thanks for your letter of the 20th inst. just to hand. I will incorporate all the new information in a fresh article, as you suggest, and will forward it on to you, together with photographs for illustrating it, as soon as it is ready, which will be in the course of a week or ten days.

From the further details just to hand, I have now no doubt that Hickman was the foremost pioneer in the production of anaesthesia by inhalation in this country or in America.

Again thanking you,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Easley Mews.

4th January 1911.

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Dear Mr. Taylor,

I have now pleasure in enclosing you the article on 'Henry Hill Hickman, a forgotten pioneer in anaesthetics,' which I have now revised, and added to the information I have recently obtained on the subject. You will see from the article that I have now completed the investigation, and, from documents that have been placed in my hands, there can be no doubt whatever that Hickman was the first to discover a method of producing unconsciousness by inhalation for the purpose of alleviating human suffering while undergoing major surgical operations.

I am enclosing three prints of the actual memorial in his autograph which he sent to King Charles X., and in a few days will forward you a print taken from an oil painting, the only portrait of Hickman in existence.

I trust you may now be able to include the manuscript in an early issue of the British Medical Journal.

Apologising to you for giving you so much trouble on the matter, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

TELEPHONE No. 2631.
[Gerrard Exchange.]

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—
"AETIOLOGY, LONDON."

British Medical Journal,

429, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.

January 8th, 1912.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I should have acknowledged your letter with enclosure sooner, but I was away when it came. Have you blocks of the prints you sent, or shall we have to get them made?

Wishing you a happy New Year,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. Louis Taylor

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.,

Library,

Easley Mews (Entrance)

Wigmore Street,

W.

Easley Mews.

10th January 1912.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I have now pleasure in enclosing you a print of a photograph taken from a portrait in oils of Dr. Henry Hill Hickman, to illustrate the article on him which I forwarded to you a few days ago.

I have no blocks of the prints I sent you or of this, as these prints have never been published before, and I have forwarded them to you directly they came into my hands, as you said you would like to have them to illustrate the article.

Reciprocating your good wishes for a happy and Prosperous New Year,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Kasley News.

2nd March 1912.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Could you kindly let me know how soon the Hickman article will appear in the British Medical Journal, as I have another matter of great medical historical interest, which I wish to communicate to you after the former article has appeared.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation, with kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

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Easley News.

2th March 1912.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday's date, just to hand, from which I note you will be able to state in a day or two when the Hickman article will be published.

I am sorry thus to trouble you, but the matter is now very urgent, as I am being pressed by some of the relatives of the Hickman family, who kindly loaned me pictures and documents, to publish the article as early as possible. I should therefore be grateful if you could strain a point to insert it within the next week or two.

You will notice that the 'Standard' prints a paper on Crawford Long, the American pioneer of anaesthesia, by Dr. Buxton, and it is very important that the story of Hickman should be published as early as possible. If there is any difficulty about reproducing the letter, the article could simply be illustrated by the portrait, and the letter could be left over for some future occasion.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken, and with kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

C. Louis Taylor Esq.

Masley News.

18th March 1912.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing a proof of the block of Hickman's portrait, together with a pull from the block of the paragraph in the Archives Générales. These have come out quite all right, and I return them herewith. I note that you have decided not to reproduce the letter, and I think perhaps it is the best plan, as it would not come out well on ordinary paper.

Many thanks for the trouble you have taken in making arrangements for the article to be included early, and I am glad to know that you will be able to insert it in your issue of April 6th or 13th.

I have retained the photographs which you have returned to me.

With thanks,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

W. H. I can
assist you by an
enquiry at Shrewsbury
I shall be pleased.

NEWTOWN VILLA,

BASCHURCH,

SALOP.

Dec 18/11

Dear Sir

In Advt. in Shrewsbury Chronicle
Hickman.

I have sent above to Miss Lucy Timmins one of the Exors
or legatees of late W^m Hickman, widow of D^r Hickman
who lived at Brockton, Worthen, Salop. Miss Timmins's
Father acted generously to W^m Hickman in her declining
years, & W^m H. who had her husband's property for
life, ^{absolutely I think} passed all over to late W^m Timmins, & she ^{lives in} ~~lives in~~ ^{lives in}
own W^m Hickman's old residence. He may be a
brother of the D^r you advertise for heirs for: at
any rate it is worth Enquiring

Miss Timmins will I expect write you, but the
above is in the main correct - you need not say I
have written. Miss L. Timmins is my wife's grandmother.
Yours Geo. Griffiths

1 Cornwall Street
Hereford

Dec^r. 14-11

Re "Hickman" Adverserment
Dear Sir Leubury Adverser

I am eldest Son of Eliza Catherine Hickman
daughter of D. Hickman
who married Francis Falconer Thompson
Surgeon Leubury, Worcestershire.

My mother died in July 1896.

Will give any further information.

I am Yours faithfully

Francis Henry Thompson
Surgeon

W. Hillyard
C/o

Messrs. Samuel Clark & Co

49 Great Portland St.
London W.

Newman St.

Hickman

9th December 1911.

Dear Sir,

We are searching for a pamphlet entitled "Unconscious or Painless Operations," or some similar title, by Henry H. Hickman, F.R.C.S., that was published in Ludlow or Shifnal probably printed in Shrewsbury, between 1820 and 1828. The pamphlet is in the form of a letter addressed to a Mr. Knight.

If you do not happen to have it in stock, could you try and obtain it for us, as the locality is close to your district, and we think it is likely you might be able to obtain it.

It is wanted rather urgently by a customer of ours, and we should be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

We are,

Faithfully yours,

E.&Co.

Mr. Edward Baker,
Great Bookshop,
John Bright Street,
Birmingham.

Baker

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WILLESDEN GREEN. LONDON. N.W.

le 5 decembre 1911.

Monsieur le Directeur,

Votre très aimable communication m'a été transmise à Londres, et je m'empresse à vous remercier bien cordialement pour les faits très intéressants que vous avez eu l'obligeance de m'envoyer concernant le registre d'ordre de la Direction des Etablissements d'utilité publique au Ministre de l'Intérieur.

Je vous serai très obligé si vous pourriez faire photographier cet enregistrement; car cette note présente une grande importance pour moi. Je ne désire que les lignes suivantes: - "Hickmann (Henri-Will), médecin anglais, demande à soumettre au jugement de l'Académie de Médecine une découverte sur la suspension de la vie," et la date de l'enregistrement, (Appl. 1631-3, lettre n., fol. 10 v - 11), et la note d'où vous avez trait l'information que la lettre en question attribuée au 2^e bureau de votre direction avait été envoyée le 31 août, 1826, à l'Académie de Médecine, en même temps qu'un avis en était donné au Dr. Hickman.

Je serai heureux de vous remettre les frais des photographies, si vous voudriez bien m'envoyer les mêmes avec la note des frais.

En vous remerciant très cordialement pour votre empressement, et pour le dérangement que je vous cause, et que j'espère vous voulez bien excuser, je vous prie de vouloir accepter, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

A.A.

M. le Directeur des Archives,
Ministère de l'Instruction Publique
et des Beaux-Arts,

50 Rutland Park Mansions,
Willesden Green, N.W.

4th December 1911.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th inst., has been forwarded to me to London, and I desire to thank you very cordially for the interesting note you have sent me from the Register of the Direction des Etablissements d'utilité publique at the Ministère de l'interieur.

I should be greatly obliged if y could have a photograph of that record, as it is one of great importance to me. I simply want the following lines, with the date, - "Hickmann (Henri-Will), ----- la suspension de la vie."

I shall be pleased to bear the cost of taking the negative and for a print of the same, by any photographer you might be disposed to call in, if you will kindly let me know and forward the same to me with the bill.

Again thanking you very heartily for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

A.A.

M. le Directeur des Archives,
Paris, etc.

Minist. Publ. Instruction

Archives Nationales

Paris, Nov. 25th 1811.

Dear Sir,

You requested on the 21st inst. the communication of a letter addressed by Dr. Hickmann, a London Surgeon, to the King Charles X, announcing to him the discovery just made of a means of suspending the sensitiveness in individuals who have to undergo some serious operation, and at the same time soliciting the authorization of experimenting his procedure before a ^{select} ~~choice~~ French medical body.

I have endeavoured to have some researches carried out in order to trace this document in the collection of the Archives Nationales and I have the honour of informing you that ~~the~~² letter by Dr. Hickmann.--- probably the one in question---is recorded as follows in the register of the Direction des Etablissements d'utilite publique at the Ministere de l'Interieur (F¹ 1031. 1818, lettre B., fol. 10^v 11) under the date august 7th. 1828: "Hickmann (Henry Will) english physician, wishes to submit to the judgement of the Academy of Medicine a discovery on life suspension". This letter received(?) at the 2nd office of the Direction had been sent to the Academy of Medicine on August 31st and at the same time Hickmann had been notified.

We have not found in our collection--in spite of scrupolous researches--no other information concerning this document, which if still extant, ought to be ~~preserved~~ filed at the Academy of Medicine.

You will find herewith the letter of the Director of the Enseignement Superieur which you had handed to me.

Believe me &c.

MINISTÈRE
DE
L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE
ET DES BEAUX-ARTS.

DIRECTION
DES ARCHIVES.

ARCHIVES NATIONALES.

Paris, le 28 novembre 1911

Monsieur,

Vous m'avez demandé, le 21 de ce mois, communication d'une lettre adressée par le docteur Hickmann, chirurgien à Londres, au roi Charles X, lui annonçant la découverte qu'il vient de faire d'un procédé destiné à suspendre la sensibilité chez les individus qui doivent subir de grandes opérations chirurgicales, et sollicitant l'autorisation d'expérimenter ce procédé devant l'élite du corps médical français. Je me suis empressé de prescrire la recherche de ce document dans les collections des Archives nationales et j'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître qu'une lettre du D^r Hickmann, --vraisemblablement celle dont il s'agit,--est ainsi désignée au registre d'ordre de la Direction des Etablissements d'utilité publique au Ministère de l'Intérieur (F^{prél.} 1631³, lettre H., fol. 10^{v°}-11), sous la date du 7 août 1828: "Hickmann (Henri-Will), médecin anglais, demande à soumettre au jugement de l'Académie de médecine une découverte sur la suspension de la vie." --Cette lettre, attribuée au 2^e bureau de cette direction, a été, le 31 août, envoyée à l'Académie de Médecine, en même temps qu'avis en était donné au D^r Hickmann. On n'a pu trouver dans nos collections, malgré

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Monsieur Arthur Amoruso, 1, rue Auber (Western Union Telegraph C^o) Faire suivre)

les recherches minutieuses qui y ont été faites, d'autres renseignements sur ce document, qui, s'il existe encore, devrait se trouver dans les archives de l'Académie de médecine.

Vous trouverez ci-inclus la lettre de M. le Directeur de l'Enseignement supérieur que vous avez bien voulu me communiquer.

Recevez, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

LE DIRECTEUR DES ARCHIVES,

E. Veyca

Harrow.

30th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 26th inst. I shall still hope that you may be able to come across a copy of Dr. Hickman's pamphlet, which he addressed to your late father.

I may say the discovery of it is of the greatest importance, from a scientific standpoint, as it will settle a long controversy as to whether nitrous oxide gas was first used by an Englishman or an American.

Anything you can tell me about Dr. Hickman, who practised in Ludlow from 1820 to 1826, would be of valuable interest.

I hope to send you shortly a copy of an article that will appear on the subject in the British Medical Journal, which will put you in possession of the full facts of the case.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H. R. Boughton Knight Esq.,
Downton Castle, Ludlow.

DOWNTON CASTLE,

LUDLOW.

Nov. 26. 11

Dear Sir -

I regret I have no trace of the letter to Mr. Knight that you ask me about.

I have not been able to get this all my late Father's papers yet - If I ever do find the letter you want you shall have it -

Yrs. &c & truly -

J. A. Boughton Knight.

Easley News.

28th November 1911.

Dear Dr. Sambon,

By this morning's post we have received an important letter from the Minister of Public Instruction, Archives Nationales, who states that he has again made a search among the National Archives for the letter which was addressed by Mr. Hickman, surgeon, to King Charles X., and he has found in the Register of Correspondence, under the date August 7th, 1828, the following note:-

"Henry Hill Hickman, English physician, wishes to submit to the judgment of the Academy of Medicine a discovery on life-suspension. This letter, received at the Second Office of the Direction, had been sent to the Academy of Medicine on August 31st, 1828, and at the same time Hickman has been notified."

The Minister states that in spite of scrupulous research "they have found no other allusion concerning this document, which, if still extant, must be found at the Academy of Medicine." You will see from this that the document in question, if still in existence, is at the Academy of Medicine. Do the utmost you can to obtain a photograph of it if it can be found. If not, we must be satisfied with a photograph of the manuscript record of the meeting of the Academy of Medicine, when the letter was considered, which took place on October 21st, 1828.

Faithfully yours,

J.J.S.T.

At the Academy of Medicine, among the Archives, is to be found the original letter or memorial written by Dr. Hickman to King Charles X. of France, dated September 23rd, 1828. This letter was read at a Meeting of the Academy on October 21st, 1828, and was in existence and ready by M. Gérardin at another Meeting of the Academy on 2nd March 1847. In this letter Hickman recommends the use of certain vapours for producing unconsciousness.

We must have, if possible, an exact copy, or better still, a photograph of this document. Can you manage to get it?

If the actual document is not in existence, please do your utmost to obtain a photograph of the written record of the Meeting in the Archives of the Academy of Medicine, on October 21st, 1828, which includes the names of the Committee appointed to investigate Hickman's demonstration.

Harrow

23rd November 1911.

Dear Sir,

In making some researches in connection with a book which I am engaged in writing connected with the history of anaesthetics, I have come across an allusion to a pamphlet, written by Dr. Henry H. Hickman, a surgeon who was in practice in Ludlow between 1820 and 1824, concerning some experiments he made on animals to render them unconscious to pain.

This pamphlet, it is stated, took the form of a printed letter to T. A. Knight Esq., of Downton Castle, who was much interested in Dr. Hickman's work. I should greatly appreciate your kindness if you would let me know if you have a copy of this pamphlet in your library, as I am unable to find it in the British Museum or in any library in London.

The discovery of it is a matter of great importance in the history of anaesthesia, and should you be able to find a copy of the same, if you would kindly loan it to me, or allow me to have the pages photographed, I should be much indebted to you.

Awaiting the favour of your early reply,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

oughton Knight Esq.
H. R. Broughton Esq.,
Downton Castle, Ludlow.

Easley Mews.

22nd November 1911.

Dear Sir,

Would you be so good as to inform me if any of the Knight family still reside at Downton Castle. I am desirous of communicating with a member of the family, if they still reside there, but as my last reference to them goes back over twenty years, I do not know if the Castle is still in their hands or not.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

The Postmaster,

Ludlow,

Salop.

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Telephone: 3461 MAYFAIR.
Telegrams: BIBLIOTHEC.

EASLEY MEWS, (Entrance)
WIGMORE STREET,
LONDON, W.

22nd November 1911.

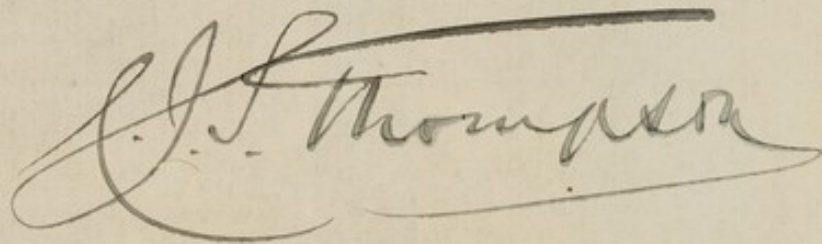
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I am,

Faithfully yours,



The Postmaster,

Ludlow,

Salop.

Dear Sir,

A.R. Boughton Knight Esq

now resides at Downton Castle Ludlow

22 Nov 11

Yours truly J. J. Thompson Postmaster

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EASLEY MEWS, (Entrance)
WIGMORE STREET,
LONDON, W.

20th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

Would you be so good as to inform me if any of the Knight family still reside at Downton Castle. I am desirous of communicating with a member of the family, if they still reside there, but as my last reference to them goes back over twenty years, I do not know if the Castle is still in their hands or not.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

The Postmaster,
Downton,
Salisbury.

J. S. Thompson

POST OFFICE,
DOWNTON,
SALISBURY.

21 Nov 11 (Withd)

Dr. Sir,

*Downton Castle to which you refer above, is not in "Wiltshire"; the proper address is "Downton Castle" Ludlow, Salop,
Yours truly J. Matthews*

The Western Union Telegraph Company

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F. AMORUSO
PARIS - MANAGER

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
WESTERUN - PARIS

TELEPHONE 292-27

1. Rue Auber.

Paris Nov. 19th 1911.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

As I came home on Friday evening I found here your first express letter, but few minutes before I had been writing to you at the office that our had made arrangements on Thursday to photograph an article in the Archives, the very one you mentioned in your letter. As the article is a literal account of the documents preserved in the Academy & as it is taken from the official publication of that day, it will bear sufficient evidence. I did photograph

this account yesterday at the Faculté of Medicine, without encountering the slightest difficulty. -

As you will see, from the various accounts I am enclosing, after presenting the discovery the ~~discovery~~ before the meeting, the matter was dropped with derision & only when the question of precedence in the discovery was much discussed ^{in 1847} all over the world, it was that Mr. Gerardin remembered having himself communicating to

Cable money transfers to and from all parts of the United States and Canada

the Academy 19 years previously the discovery made by Hickman & in the midst of a discussion he stated in the meeting of Feb. 23rd 1847 that an English physician had presented a letter in 1828 to Charles C. & remembers the "protoxyde d'azote" being one of the vapours employed. After this he searched up among the papers of the Academy the account of the meeting of 1828 and re-read it on March 2nd '47 (the date you pointed out in your last letter)

In the meantime Mr. Tully in England had been busy spreading the ~~fact~~ ^{fact} and proofs of antecedence of Hickman's discovery; in his various articles he gives a number of valuable informations.

I am sending these copies of all these accounts also of the English ones, in case the volumes of the Lancet should be missing among our collection.

After 1847 the matter was probably dropped altogether in f. to Morton's advantage. Now it's Hickman's turn to reappear!

I have obtained permission to photograph tomorrow Tom Hickman & shall see some other people at the Academy so as to see at least the original papers. With this I will have finished & on Tuesday morning 8 o'clock I shall leave.

respectfully yours.

Dr. Dunsen

MEDICAL TIMES - LONDON - vol.16, 1847.

p.454.....

July 31.

"We think however we can set these various claims at rest by the following extract from the printed reports of the Academy of Medicine of Paris. "Meeting of Sept.23rd,1828.- (Archives Generales de Medecine, vol.18, first series, p.453).

"Painless operations.-" (And here follows a translation of the same note sent by Mr.Bayet)

This passage is sufficient evident."

p.561.

Sept.4. Letter to the Editor of the Medical Times.

"Sir,

In your letter of July 31 I remark an allusion to Dr.Hickman's invention....He died soon after this discovery and before he had time to prosecute his inquiries...I can put you in possession of a copy of the memorial which he addressed to the french King Charles X and I think,in justice to his memory,that his claim ought to be recognised by the scientific world. His widow is still living...Some time ago I addressed to the Lancet two letters which were inserted in that publication but no further notice has been taken. The memorial is dated 1828 but I believe there are claims on behalf of parties prior to that period,but I know not on what evidence they are founded. As a friend of Dr.Hickman's family I have endeavoured to support his claim to this discovery - so far, at least, as the year 1828. As you appear to consider his claim to be founded on justice I trust you will use your influence to secure for the benefit of his widow any advantages that may result from the invention.

(signed) Thomas DUDLEY.

Paris, 17th, 1911.
1, Rue Auber.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I regret to have missed last night's mail but I could not manage otherwise as I was still at the Faculty of Medicine after six pm. I found there very good accounts, copies of which I am sending you and besides these also the actual note re Hickmann read by M. Gerardin at the Academy printed in the "Archives Generales de Medecine, vol. 18, p. 453, 1828" which the Academy would not let me photograph and now the Faculty of Med. have with not the least trouble allowed to photograph it tomorrow. It is not the actual M.S. note which I still have little doubt I shall photograph, but would be sufficient evidence to have the printed one alone.

I have been after the actual petition and went twice at the Archives Nationales where it is probably filed among the state papers. By the way a gentleman of the administration said to remember reading in the Chronique Medicale or in the "Aesculape" some 3 or 4 months ago some account referring to an English physician presenting a petition to Charles X. Except a few numbers which I could not get I saw nothing nor in the Chronique nor in Aesculape.

Every moment I am expecting the reply of an influential personage at the Academy and have little doubt that I shall meet with a refusal. Mr. Bayet has not proven very important but his secretary was useful for the introduction to personal friends, I have therefore kept in touch with him.

Although the day was very dull I managed to photograph Flamels' house. It is exceedingly interesting for the numerous

sculptured flags which have only lately been disclosed from beneath layers of mortar, I had some difficulty, the street being so very narrow, but any how I left an address with the host who will have sets of cards made as soon as the reconstruction work be ended.

From the Bibl.Nat. I am expecting the concession to photograph Tom Hickman - The surname does not occur in any account I have come accross with and the Consulate only have a list of subjects who presented themselves there, but they can trace no Hickmann.

To finish all satsbsfactorily I believe I will have to remain with your consent here up to Monday next.

Believe me,

respectfully yours,

17th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform me if you are in any way related to Dr. Thomas Dudley, who was in practice in Kingswinford, about 1850. I am at present engaged in writing a work in the subject of which he was much interested, and think that, probably, from his books, he might have been able to give me some information, but I understand he died several years ago.

Thanking you in anticipation of a reply, and apologising for troubling you on such a personal matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Dr. G. J. Dudley,
13 High Street,
Stourbridge,
Worcestershire.

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ENTRANCE EASLEY MEWS.

BETWEEN 60 & 62, WIGMORE STREET,

LONDON. W.

16th November 1921.

Dear Mr. Amoruso,

Yours of the 15th inst. just to hand, and I am sorry you have had such a disappointing day. I will hunt up the reference to Hickman in the Medical Times for 1847, at the British Museum this afternoon; that may give us some information.

First, as regards M. Bayet. Did he tell you if anything was being done by any of his subordinates in carrying on the search as he promised me, or is he trusting to the Academy of Medicine to do it? If the latter, the best thing will be to go boldly to the Academy of Medicine, and I am enclosing you two letters of introduction, one to Professor Blacchard and the other to Dr. Nicaise, both men of the highest standing in the Academy of Medicine, who should be able to remove all obstacles, and get you permission to photograph, or at least to be allowed to search the reports from 1823 to 1835. If you find Professor Blacchard is away, hunt up Dr. Nicaise. I am leaving the letters open, so that you will see exactly what I have said. You can tell them you wish to photograph some references to Dr. Hickman, an English surgeon, who lived in Paris between 1828 and 1833 for the Historical Medical Exhibition; you need not say anything about anaesthetics.

Do not forget to photograph the engraving you mentioned in the Bibliotheque Nationale, of Tom Hickman. See the Secretary of the Academy of Medicine again in any case, and if you cannot get permission to photograph the document, ask him if he would have it done for me. You can tell him what it is for, and show him a syllabus of the H.M.E., which I am enclosing herewith. You can tell him that the reports of the Academy for those years are not available elsewhere, and ask him will he not allow you to search through them, even if you cannot photograph, and see if you cannot some reference to Hickman's demonstration in them. You must search them even if you cannot photograph from them.

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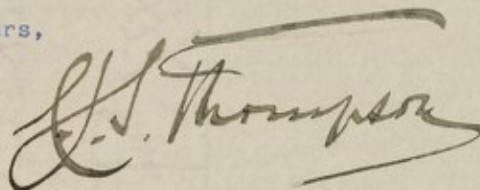
I am sure Professor Blanchard and Dr. Nicaise will give you every help they can. If you get support from Professor Blanchard, there is no occasion to call on Dr. Nicaise; on the other hand, if Professor Blanchard is away, I send you the letter to Dr. Nicaise to use instead.

Have you looked to see in the Bibliotheque Nationale if the volumes of the Compte-Rendus of the Academie de Médecine, Paris, are in there from 1828 to 1833. If not, do so, and look them out, because you can photograph from the book direct, at the Bibliotheque Nationale, failing the Académie de Médecine. The volume of the Compte-Rendus in which the paragraph occurs you have in your letter, namely, for 21st October 1828. I should say these volumes must be in the Bibliotheque Nationale if they were ever published at all.

Be sure you do not mention either to Professor Blanchard or to Dr. Nicaise, anything about Hickman's connection with anaesthetics or ether, as I only want them to think that I am interested in him because he was an English surgeon, who lived in Paris in 1828, and I want to gather materials incident to his life.

Dr. Sambon mentions that failing Blanchard and Nicaise, Professor Pozzi, who lives in the Rue d'Ena, you will get his number from the Directory, would be likely to assist if you mention that you are a friend of either Dr. or Mr. Arthur Sambon.

Faithfully yours,



P.S. I am enclosing a letter addressed to the Secretary, which you might present after seeing Professor Blanchard and Dr. Nicaise.

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VERY IMPORTANT.

Since writing the above I have been down to the British Museum, and have just returned. I have discovered the exact reference to the paragraph we want, which you will be able to find and photograph without doubt in the Bibliothèque Nationale. It is in the Archives Générales de Médecine, vol. XVIII, 1st series, page 453. Under the heading "Painless Operations" you will find ^{the} paragraph which was given to us by M. Bayet. Please obtain permission to photograph this (in any case) at the Bibliothèque Nationale, and only failing this follow up the matter with the Secretary of the Académie de Médecine. You need not see either Professor Blanchard or Dr. Nicaise if you can get the photograph of this paragraph from the Archives Générales. If you have time also search the other volumes of the Archives Générales for 1829, 1830, 1831, and 1832. It is very important for you to find out the date of Hickman's death in Paris. It could not have been in 1828, but must have been in 1829, 1830, or 1831, according to my references found to-day. If necessary stay over Saturday, but from this I think you will get practically all you want at the Bibliothèque Nationale, without troubling the Secretary of the Académie de Médecine any further.

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le 16 novembre 1911.

Monsieur,

En rapport de la Exposition Historique Médicale, qui aura lieu à Londres en 1913, je désire de trouver des renseignements sur la vie de M. Hickman, un chirurgien anglais, qui demeurait à Paris de 1828 à 1830. M. Bayet, du Ministère de l'Enseignement Public, m'a enseigné que vous avez eu l'aimabilité de l'envoyer une copie de quelques lignes dans les Compte-rendus de la Académie de Médecine, et il me l'a envoyé. Cette copie traite de l'application de Dr. Hickman de faire une démonstration devant un bureau ordonné par l'Académie de Médecine.

Je désire faire photographier cette partie du Compte-rendu pour montrer à l'Exposition Médicale Historique, si vous voulez avoir l'obligeance de m'obtenir la permission nécessaire.

M. Amoruso est un photographe habile, et il aurait beaucoup de soin du livre ou des documents.

Je vous serai très obligé si vous voulez le laisser examiner les volumes des Compte-rendus de 1828 à 1833, pour essayer de trouver quelques autres renseignements à l'égard de Dr. Hickman. J'apprécierai beaucoup toutes assistances que vous pourriez le donner.

En vous remerciant d'avance, veuillez agréer, Monsieur, mes salutations distinguées.

C.J.S.T.

M. le Secrétaire,

H.M.E.

16th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the Historical Medical Exhibition, to be held in London at the time of the International Medical Congress in 1913, I am desirous of finding particulars concerning the life of Mr. Hickman, an English surgeon, who lived in Paris between 1828 and 1833.

M. Bayet of the Ministry of Public Instruction, has informed me that you kindly furnished him with a copy from the Report of the Academy of Medicine, which he sent to me, which gives an account of Dr. Hickman's application to demonstrate before a Committee appointed by the Academy of Medicine. I am most desirous of having a photograph of this portion of the Report, to exhibit at the H.M.E., if you would kindly obtain permission for me to have it done. M. Amoruso is a skilled photographer, and would take every possible care of the book or documents. Further, if you would kindly allow him to look through the volumes of the Comptes-rendus from 1828 to 1833, to see if he can find any other references to Dr. Hickman, I should ^{be} greatly obliged. Any assistance you can give him I should much appreciate.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

The Secretary,

Académie de Médecine.

H.M.E.

1913.

le 16 novembre 1911.

Cher Dr. Nicaise,

J'ai l'honneur de vous introduire le porteur de cette lettre, M. Amoruso, qui est en Paris à mon part, pour photographier, si possible quelques lignes dans les Comptes-rendus, daté le 21 octobre, 1928, de la Académie de Médecine de Paris, à l'égard d'un chirurgien anglais, nommé Hickman, qui demeurait à Paris dans 1928. Il n'y a pas des copies des Compte-rendus de 1928 à 1933 à Londres, et ainsi, il fallait que j'enverrais M. Amoruso à Paris pour les voir. Je désire aussi qu'il examine les volumes des Compte-rendus de la Académie de Médecine, du 1^{er} 6 octobre, 1928, à 1933, à l'égard de la vie du feu Dr. Hickman.

Ces recherches sont en rapport de la Exposition Médicale Historique, qui aura lieu à Londres dans 1913, et je vous serai très obligé, au nom de M. Wellcome et de moi-même, si vous pourriez assister à M. Amoruso à obtenir la permission du Secrétaire de la Académie de Médecine pour photographier la part du document que trait de M. Hickman. M. Amoruso a demandé permission du Secrétaire, qui ne le laisse pas photographier, et j'espère que, avec vos bons services, nous pourrons l'obtenir pendant qu'il reste à Paris.

En vous remerciant d'avance, veuillez agréer, Monsieur, mes salutations très distinguées.

C.J.S.T.

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16th November 1911.

Dear Professor Blanchard,

I beg to introduce to you the bearer of this letter, Mr. Amoruso, who is at present in Paris on my behalf, in order to photograph, if possible, a paragraph that appears in the Comptes-rendus, dated 21st October 1928, of the Académie de Médecine in Paris, referring to an English surgeon, named Hickman, who resided in Paris in the year 1828. We do not possess copies of the Comptes-rendus from 1928 to 1933 in London, so I have been obliged to send Mr. Amoruso to Paris to see them.

I am also desirous that he should examine the volumes of the Comptes-rendus of the Académie de Médecine, from October 21st, 1928, to 1933, with reference to the life of the late Dr. Hickman.

I may say these researches are in connection with the Historical Medical Exhibition, to be held in London in 1913, and I should be very grateful both on Mr. Wellcome's and my own behalf, if you could assist Mr. Amoruso to get permission from the Secretary of the Académie de Médecine to photograph the portion of the document referring to Mr. Hickman. Mr. Amoruso has applied to the Secretary, who has refused to allow him to photograph, and I am hoping that by your kind offices we may be able to get permission while he is in Paris.

Dr. Sambon joins with me in kind regards. Thanking you very cordially in anticipation, and trusting you are well,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

15th November 1911

Dear Mr. Amoruso,

Your postcard and letter duly to hand this morning, from which I am glad to learn you arrived safely. It is unfortunate there was a day's delay in seeing M. Bayet, but I hope that by the time you receive this you will have seen him, and that he will have put you on the track. It is evident that the volumes of the Reports of the Academy of Medicine for 1829-30 are very rare, even if they exist, and it is possible that the extract I want photographed is in some manuscript document, which only Bayet can put you on to; but I must have that photographed. If he gives you access to them you will probably be able to search the records for the following years, up to 1832.

With regard to the portraits of Hickman, of course, up to now, I have no record of his Christian name, but this Tom Hickman you mention seems very likely, and I should certainly photograph him in any case. You will no doubt learn through the British Embassy when he died, and from that record you will be able to obtain his correct Christian name.

You will see how you get on by Friday, and if it is necessary to stay over the week-end, you must do so, if there is any chance of obtaining the corroborative evidence we want concerning the demonstration. There must be some record of this demonstration if it was ever held at the Academy of Medicine, but I am hoping that the Minister Bayet will be able to get you access to the documents, wherever they are. Be sure and ask him if there is a possibility of finding or obtaining access to the actual memorial that Hickman presented to Charles X., because it

would be most interesting to have that photographed also.

Since you left, I have come across a memorandum, stating that the house still stands in Paris where Nicholas Flamel, the famous 14th century alchemist, lived. The upper portion is now an hotel, and the lower part a restaurant, and the address is 41 Rue de Montmorency. If you have a spare plate, will you go there before you return, and take a photograph of the house, the best you can get.

Faithfully yours,

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Paris Nov. 15th 1911.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This morning first thing I tried ^{again} the Bibliotheque Nationale & sent in a slip asking for any work on ether as applied in surgery by Hickman, but they had none. - In the meanwhile I came across in the Surgeon General Catalogue with the following reference which : "Dr. Hickman the original discoverer of inhalation as a means of performing painless operations. - Med. Times, London, 1847, xvi " Immediately I sent in for the Medical Times but their first number of this periodical only starts in 1851, anyhow it must be attainable in London.

The British Consulate were not open until 11am. They searched through the list of British subjects living in ~~France~~ Paris from 1828 to 1833 with no satisfactory result, they further addressed me to the Palace of Justice to verify the Acts of deceased. There appears to be no one called Hickman who died in 1828 but I shall have another try at this office as ~~X~~ unfortunately they employees were having lunch there and I don't think they troubled themselves much.

At 2pm I was at the Ministry, Mr. Bayet was very kind but could not promise that I might get the permit of photo-

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graphing Hickman's account, as he had no authority on the Academy of Medicine, from whom he had received the information concerning the petition, and so addressed me to the Secretary of that Institution. This Gentleman was very unsatisfactory and very firm in any point he stated. He said it was impossible to grant any permission to photograph any document of the Academy. He was so persistent in this assertion that when I asked him that I might procure some a formal demand from some scientific or governmental body, he stated that if even the King were to make the demand, the Council would refuse. I don't think his assertions are to be taken as strict as all that, and a formal letter or the introduction by a Member might help. My last resource was the letter written by Mr. A. Sambon but I telephoned for an appointment and heard that the Gentleman is out of town. Please let me know what you intend to do with the permission of photographing the ^{MS.} ~~MS.~~ at the Academy, whether you let me have another letter of introduction or whether you wish to write some formal letter. I shall endeavour to trace tomorrow the actual petition, although the Secretary of the Academy denies its existence. I am very disappointed in this very unfruitful day.

I remain, respectfully yours,

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some formal letter. I shall endeavor to place tomorrow the
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mission of introduction the name of the academy whether you let
of town. Please let me know what you intend to do with the Bel-
I referred to an appointment and heard that the gentleman is out
here. In fact I believe was the letter written by W. V. Sampson but
all that and a formal letter of the introduction of a member might
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1, RUE AUBER,
PARIS.

November 14th 1911.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This morning first thing I went to Mr. Bayet in Rue de Grenelle, unfortunately I met with no success, as this gentlemen's "receiving day" as they called it here, is Wednesday from 2-4 pm. I tried to get at someone who might put me on the right track but the officials knew not where to address me for this special case and though I lost a day research at the ministry I thought best starting that side's work with Mr. Bayet's interview, it will surely prove more advantageous.

I procured after that a ticket admission to the Bibliothèque Nationale where I was not able to trace any pamphlet or record of any kind referring to Hickman but I will continue to search tomorrow - I had out among others also the Memoires of the Academy of Medicine but as it was the case in the Brit. Museum, the first volume started in 1828

giving no mention of Hickman and the next volume was only published in 1832, there seem to be no records of the meetings held in between.

In the engraving department there were several portraits of Hickmans, but one only might be the physician. It is a fine stipple engraving of a rather young looking, impressive man. The only indications given are, his name "Tom Hickman" and drawn by G. Sharples and Engr. by Percy Roberts. What makes me think this Tom Hickman to be probably the one is the fashion of his dress: An ample muffled up neckgear, a wide brim of the coat round the neck &c. which were still in use at the beginning of the second quarter of the XIXth Cent. Should I be able to confirm tomorrow the christian name, I shall immediately ask permission to photograph it. For tomorrow morning I have also made an appointment with a friend of my fathers, well connected with the Brit. Consulate. - The worst of all these institutions is that they open late and close between 3-4 pm. - Believe me

respectfully Yours,

D. Amoroso

Harrow

ENGLAND.

le 13 novembre 1911.

Monsieur,

Au sujet d'une pétition présentée par le
Dr. Hickman à Charles X.

J'ai l'honneur de vous introduire le porteur de cette lettre, M. Arthur Amoruso, mon assistant, que j'ai envoyé à Paris pour demander votre aimable permission de photographier la page dans le Compte-rendu des séances de l'Académie de Médecine au sujet d'une pétition présentée par le Dr. Hickman à Charles X., dont vous avez eu la bonté de m'envoyer une copie le 14 octobre dernier.

Je vous serai très obligé si vous voulez aider M. Amoruso, et l'indiquer où il pourrait plus facilement trouver quelques autres renseignements à l'égard de la démonstration de M. Hickman devant un bureau ordonné par l'Académie de Médecine. Particulièrement, je désire avoir tout de suite une photographie du rapport de cette démonstration.

M. Amoruso restera à Paris pendant quelques jours, pour aider dans les recherches, que vous avez gentilement commencées, pour obtenir tous les renseignements possibles, et pour trouver des notices sur la vie du Dr. Hickman à Paris de 1828 à 1830, année dans laquelle, je crois, qu'il mourut dans cette ville.

Je désire beaucoup que M. Amoruso photographie quelques rapports de l'essai de Hickman, soit qu'ils se trouvent dans des manuscrits ou dans les livres; et je vous prie de lui donner toute l'assistance possible.

Encore en vous remerciant pour votre bonté, et pour la peine que

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vous prenez dans l'affaire, veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma
considération la plus distinguée.

C.J.S.T.

M. Bayet,
Le Directeur de l'Enseignement supérieur,
Ministère de l'Instruction Publique et de
Beaux Arts,
3ème Bureau,
P a r i s, FRANCE.

13th November 1911.

I beg to introduce to you the bearer of this letter, Mr. Arthur Amoruso, my assistant, whom I have sent to Paris to ask your kind permission to photograph the record in the Comptes-rendus of the Academy of Medicine, with relation to the petition presented by Dr. Hickman to Charles X., of which you so kindly sent me a transcript on the 14th October last. If you could kindly give Mr. Amoruso any assistance, and indicate to him where he would be most likely to find further evidence respecting Dr. Hickman's demonstration before the Committee appointed by the Academy of Medicine, I should be greatly obliged, and much appreciate your kindness. I specially wish to have a photograph without delay of the report of this demonstration. Mr. Amoruso is staying in Paris several days with the object of prosecuting the search which you kindly began, to obtain all the evidence possible, and any account of Dr. Hickman's life while he lived in Paris from 1828 to 1830, when I understand he died there.

Again thanking you for your great kindness, and for the trouble you are taking on my behalf,

Faithfully yours,

M. Bayet,
Le Directeur de l'Enseignement supérieur,
Ministère de l'Instruction Publique et de
Beaux Arts,
3ème Bureau, Paris.

Harrow.

3rd November 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am at present engaged in writing a work on the History of Anaesthetics, and recently came across a reference to a paper read by Dr. Hickman before the Birmingham Medical Society in March, 1828, on Anaesthetics.

I should greatly appreciate your kindness if you could inform me where I could see a copy of this paper, if it was ever published, or would a copy of it be recorded in the Minutes of your Society?

Apologising for troubling you on the matter, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

The Hon. Secretary,
Medical Society,
Birmingham.

ENGLAND.

le 17 octobre 1911.

Monsieur,

Au sujet d'une pétition présentée par le
Dr. Hickman à Charles X.

Je désire de vous remercier très cordialement pour votre lettre du 14 courant, au sujet de la pétition comme ci-dessus, et je vous suis très endetté pour la peine que vous avez pris dans l'affaire.

Ce sujet a une telle importance aux savants anglais aussi bien qu'à mes confrères français, que j'attends avec beaucoup d'impatience le résultat des recherches que vous poursuivez pour remonter au procès verbal de cet experiment.

Je suis assuré que le experiment prit lieu avant les chirurgiens désignés par l'Académie, et aussitôt qu'on remonte au rapport, je vous serai très obligé si vous voulez le faire photographier, et aussi quelques autres documents concernant ce sujet. Je serai content de vous rembourser les frais de la photographie, si vous voulez m'enseigner de les mêmes lorsque le travail est fini.

Encore en vous remerciant pour la peine que vous prenez dans l'affaire, et espérant de bientôt recevoir de vos nouvelles, veuillez agréer, monsieur, mes salutations les plus distinguées.

O.J.S.T.

M. Bayet,
Ministère de l'Instruction Publique
et de Beaux Arts,
Direction de l'Enseignement Supérieur,
3ème Bureau, P a r i s.

Harrow.

17th October 1921.

Sir,

Re Petition presented by Dr. Hickman to Charles X.

I desire to thank you very cordially for your letter of 14th inst., with reference to the above, and I feel I am much indebted to you for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

The subject is of such great importance to both scientific men in England and my confrères in France, that I am awaiting with great interest the result of the further search you are having made to find the report of the proceedings of this experiment. I feel sure the experiment must have taken place before the doctors nominated by the Academy, and as soon as this is discovered I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will have the report photographed for me, and any other documents that are found referring to the subject. I shall be pleased to pay the cost of photographing the same, if you will kindly advise (am) when the work is completed.

Again thanking you very cordially for the trouble you are taking in the matter, and trusting to hear from you again soon,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

M. Bayet,

Ministère de l'Instruction Publique
et de Beaux Arts,
Direction de l'Enseignement supérieur,
3^{ème} Bureau,
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MINISTÈRE
DE
L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE
ET DES BEAUX-ARTS.

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE.

Paris, le 14 OCT 1911

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Direction
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l'Enseignement supérieur

3ème Bureau.

Objet :

Monsieur,

Au sujet d'une pétition
présentée par le Dr
Hickman à Charles X.

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Vous m'avez exprimé le désir d'avoir quelques renseignements au sujet d'une pétition présentée à Charles X, roi de France, par le Docteur Hickman, médecin anglais demeurant à Paris.

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître que le Compte-rendu des séances de l'Académie de Médecine porte textuellement, à la date du 21 octobre 1828 les lignes suivantes concernant la question qui vous intéresse :

"M. le Secrétaire donne lecture d'un rapport fait par M. Gérardin à la section de médecine et dont cette section a ordonné l'envoi à l'Académie. Ce rapport a trait à une lettre adressée à S.M. Charles X par M. Hickman (sic), chirurgien de Londres, qui annonce qu'il a découvert le moyen de suspendre la sensibilité chez les individus qui doivent subir de grandes opérations

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Monsieur Thompson, Membre de la Société Royale de Médecine Grey Friars
Harrow ou the Hill - (Angleterre)

chirurgicales. Ce moyen consiste à introduire méthodiquement certains gaz dans le p^{ou}mon. M. Hickman n'en a encore fait l'essai que sur les animaux et il voudrait expérimenter ce moyen devant les grands chirurgiens de la capitale. Le bureau désigne MM. Dubois, Richerand, Murat, (lisez M^érat) Ségallas et Ribes".

Des recherches sont faites pour retrouver le rapport dont il est question dans ce procès verbal; si ces recherches donnent un résultat, je ne manquerai pas de vous communiquer une copie de ce rapport, ainsi que de celui qu'auraient pu faire les chirurgiens désignés par l'Académie de Médecine.

Agréez, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Pour le Ministre :

Le Directeur de l'Enseignement supérieur,

Conseiller d'Etat,

Hayet

Sept 6th, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I shall esteem it a great favour if you will kindly inform me if you have any record of a memorial or petition which was presented to Charles 10th, King of France in the year 1828 or early in the year 1829 by a Dr. Hickman, an English medical man then residing in Paris.

The petition asked for permission for men to demonstrate and perform experiments before the medical men of Paris on ~~the~~, his discovery of the use of ether as a *anæsthetic*.

I am engaged in a research respecting his discovery and should feel greatly obliged if you could aid me in tracing the petition of the late Dr. Hickman

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours,

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Hickmann

Nov. 1940

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to have a copy of the report of the committee on the subject of the petition which was presented to the House of Commons in the year 1938 or 1939 by Dr. Hickmann, an English medical man then residing in Berlin.

The petition asked for permission for men to demonstrate and perform experiments before the medical staff of the army on the discovery of the use of ether as a

I am engaged in a research regarding the discovery and should feel greatly obliged if you could aid me in sending the petition of the late Dr. Hickmann

Respectfully,
Sincerely yours,

Harrow.

7th April 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am at present writing a treatise on the early use of ether as an anaesthetic, and have accidentally come across an early note that a Dr. Hickman, who in 1826 was living at Ludlo, and afterwards removed to Shiffnal, experimented with it on animals about the year 1824, but have been unable to find any further proof of this assertion.

It has occurred to me that you may possibly be related to the Dr. Hickman of Shiffnal, and if so, may possibly have some knowledge of the experiments alluded to.

I must apologise for troubling you on the matter, but I am very desirous of accumulating all the material I can on the subject.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Dr. Richard Hickman,
121 Bartholomew Street,
Newbury, Berkshire.

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H.M.E.

le 5 avril 1911.

Monsieur le Directeur,

Je désire à obtenir la copie d'une Requête présentée d'un Dr. Hickman, de Chiffnai, Staffordshire, Angleterre, au Roi Charles I de France, à Paris dans l'année 1822, demandant la permission de faire quelques expériences avec des anesthésiques avant les médecins de Paris.

Voulez vous avoir l'obligeance de m'enseigner si vous avez un tel document, ou bien une copie de ce document, parmi les Archives Nationales à Paris, et si vous en avez, si je pourrais le faire copier ou photographier, lorsqu'il vous sera convenable.

En vous remerciant d'avance, veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Directeur, mes salutations très distinguées.

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M. Le Directeur,

Les Archives Nationales,
Paris.

Archives Nationales (French)

Monsieur le Directeur,

Je desire obtenir la copie d'une requête présentée
d'un M^r. Hickman, de Chiffault, Staffordshire, England, au

H. S. A.

16 5 avril 1911.

Mr Hickman
(S^r)

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12 WALPOLE GARDENS,
STRAWBERRY HILL.

5th September 1912.

In consideration of the sum of £6 (Six pounds) that
you have paid me for the picture entitled "Dr. Hickman
experimenting" (the receipt of which I hereby acknowledge)
I hereby assign to you copyright in the said picture.

This transaction does not form part of a larger
transaction.

Witness.

Mr. Charles J. S. Thompson.

12, WALPOLE GARDENS,
STRAWBERRY HILL.

7 Sep 1912.

Dear M^r Thompson

The "Hickman"
drawing is quite
completed; I would
bring it up any day
to Easley mews, if you
are not yet gone away.
I hope to be able to
show you also a rough

sketch for the
Syphilis drawing, which
we spoke of.

Believe me

yours very faithfully
Richard Cooper.

Harrow

ENGLAND.

30th April 1912.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I enclose you the article on Dr. Hickman, which is illustrated with his portrait, which will be of use to you for your drawing. With respect to the apparatus he would have, if you will read the account of his experiments you will see it was chiefly with puppies and mice. The animals were placed on a piece of wood, surrounded by water, and covered with ^a glass, similar probably to a fern glass. A few scalpels and perhaps a small saw would be all that would be necessary to show in the way of instruments.

I also enclose you a drawing of the malaria mosquito, which you could magnify to the size you require for the malaria drawing.

With kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.