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Dear Sir William,

Referring again to your Report on Postgraduate Medical Education, I had a long chat with Major Louis Wilson over it, and over the American plans for graduate education. He is, I think rightly, very strong on the second-class nature of most postgraduate teaching hitherto in the States. He has fine broad views regarding what ought to constitute true postgraduate education, namely (a) a course of a year or so of thorough study of some speciality, and (b) medical research. I thus agree with him that in your Report it would be well to put these two matters more into the foreground, and make the short courses to which the London Schools have been accustomed as distinctly subsidiary. These courses for a fortnight's duration, unless they are made a part of a very comprehensive scheme, are distinctly dangerous. I would thus put the "special" courses into the foreground, and treat the "general" course as a sub-heading of the special courses.

So, too, I rather agree with him that at most you should imply, rather than state explicitly, that there is money in the scheme. I do not think that after the war medical men would be willing to provide "enormous sums". It would only be by making the courses a success, and having a relatively large number of students, that money will flow in. I see your difficulty, though, in providing a bait.

I think, looking to the future, it means one or two Hospitals devoting themselves to postgraduate work, leaving the other Hospitals to undertake undergraduate work. With the reduction in the number of medical schools there is here distinctly an opening. However, you will know much better than I do what likelihood of advance there is along these lines.

Ever so many thanks for calling upon Isabel. May Sidmouth do you and Lady Osler great good. I had hoped to run down for Saturday, but now General Foster has just asked me to accompany him to France for a fortnight, starting on Thursday.

Yours ever,

J. George Adami