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From the Regius Professor of Medicine,
Oxford.

To Sir J. MacAlister.

13, Norham Gardens,

3rd March, 1919.

Letter Typewritten.

Dear MacAlister,

Yes, Tuesday week I could come to see your doughboys: let me know about them. I cannot come up, too, next Wednesday you must understand that I live in Oxford.

What a great pineal gland you have, only you are asking for a good deal more than is embraced in our scheme; and to have an up to date Hospital as well as a central home and club house, would cost much more than half a million. There is no single department in which it could compete with such Schools as Queen's Square. To attempt a special Post Graduate Hospital on the lines of the two New York ones would complicate our scheme, and, under present circumstances, is not I believe a business proposition.

On the other hand, a central home with ample accommodation reading room, lecture room, lunch room, and a MacAlisterian secretariat which would link the overseas Schools, the P.G.'s. with every active teaching body in this country that's feasible; and with anywhere from £50,000 to £100,000 would be put in working order (in temporary buildings) by October 1st.

Couldn't you induce your friend to give us the money for that, and to link afterwards a Clinique if he wishes? The Home and the secretariat are the urgent needs.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.