My dear Ron,

Thank you very much for your letter, which I have never had a chance to answer until now. One of my oldest friends (Haven) has lived for 25 years with my dear cousin, Phurnam, who died in 1941, had an operation in Week 19 last Thursday. The result was to show that he has inoperable cancer. I came down to him on Saturday and made numerous arrangements for him. I travelled from Weeking to Cambridge on Monday, reached Oxford late on Tuesday, and caught the 9:15 a.m. train to London yesterday, and spent part of the day with Julian.

How very kind of you to suggest a visit the week after next (I think that was the date you suggested, but I find I have not your letter with me: I will copy it on my return to Oxford later in the day). There will be so much to discuss together, and a lot I want to tell you about. I shall look forward to it immensely.
On going into the matter in detail, I do think it will be worth while to write the book on British Butterflies which I mentioned to you. I was going into the matter with Julian yesterday. I will show you a suggestion for the Cheleis and case headings, and for 48 coloured plates, when 131 meet.

I hope you will have received safely the Tenebrio-shide which I sent you. Also that it is satisfactory.

My visit to Cambridge has been such a success, and Taylor and Race are immensely kind and helpful. It got a great many points clear, and have now overcome the difficulty of obtaining Salvia from the mothers, which we shall be starting - and then with difficulties, as I shall explain to you. From many points of view I am sure this will be valuable. The blood from expectant mothers is still accumulating at the rate of 50 to 60 a week.

I had thought it very likely that, not knowing the details, Taylor and Race would think that I had been doing rather badly in obtaining such small numbers to put. However, I found them
wonderfully good in appreciating the difficulties, but having had hospital experiences themselves. They are so obviously genuine in saying that they had anticipated that it might be considerably more or impossible that I was greatly heartened and encouraged.

One great excitement is that Taylor is clearly convinced, as I expected you know, that his deficiency of AS is a real one. This is so very important since his technique is so perfect; and even he, critical as he is, puts complete faith in it. And because he had at an early stage distinctly made up his mind that this would not happen, especially when there was no indication at all on 16,000 (2 short, I think!). He was impressed when I asked him to consider that if he is able to show this up in young men from 20 to 30, might not the deficiency in AS be really striking in those (say) from 75 upwards.

Mundie Fox kindly put me up at his Cambridge (you own college, I believe), and after dinner
I had the joy of seeing Sherrington again and having a long talk with him; and again at lunch. I also saw Gray for a short time at his own home.

The results of Cambridge I must really tell you about in detail when I see you. But it was very nice being there. Everyone so appreciative — so unlike the usual Oxford atmosphere.

Lx Jones,

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