

*L. Letters*

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Dear Peter and Vi,

The enclosed pictures reminded me of the many pleasant hours we spent in London. I think that Rachel has captured some of the enthusiasm of the children, and I hope that the pictures give you as much pleasure as they gave me.

After we left London, we were very lucky in our choice of roads, places to visit, hotels and of course the weather. We enjoyed England and Scotland so much that we cancelled our trip to Italy and spent an additional week in south-west England, travelling to Tintagel to follow the history of Arthur. While we in the U.S. celebrated our 200 years, in our English travels we were brought face to face with the thousand years of history. It was a good time for all of us.

Since returning, I have tried to get back to work and have succeeded only lately. Derek visited last week and we discussed some trials of Intal in psychiatric states. I have broached the subject to some of my colleagues, and am faced with one of two reactions-- "Nonsense; it can't work" or " Well, nothing else seems to work well, so why not". From the later respondents I hope to be able to put together a few studies in hyperkinetic children first; and bipolar depressives second. Derek seems well and spoke of how he is enjoying the work. But organization work has some difficulties, which only became apparent when we had to decide on the actual procedures to follow. About Gerdaxyl, we could come to no conclusion. I suggested that clinical trials could be done in this country, but I was sure that you could do as well in your clinic as anyone I know here.

Our house is quite empty now; all three children are away at college and Martha and I have the evenings to ourselves. Some of our energy is going into fixing up the house and garden, and we seem to go out for meals more often than we have for many years; but for the most part we seem to be adjusting to the 'empty nest' syndrome. Of course, the children are coming home for the holidays next month, so it is not as 'empty' as it may seem.

Give our regards to the children. I still want to come and visit your clinic. If Derek keeps his promise (and I believe he will) I should be back in England in late winter or early spring, and should like to drive out to Oxfordshire.

My very best-- I hope the house is all you expected.

As ever,