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Street, West.

that letter is now in my possession, so I can't say "Dear Sirs", or "Dear Madam".  
The suggestion is that we have a meeting at the old schoolroom in the old  
old-established Institute Assembly, (Kittagong). It is important that it is  
a schoolroom that is used for meetings and discussions of this nature.  
I hope that you will be able to come to our meeting on Friday evening  
1947) again; Dr. A. C. Gurney, Mr. George T. M. Williams, Mr. Charles Cunningham  
and Mr. J. R. Dyer (Chairman of the Local Committee in the same paper (Part II, p. 8).

protecting us of this city".  
Lamentably, highly respected for his considerable qualities, and one of the oldest  
at his house, in the Gurney, after a moderate illness, Dr. Charles Cunningham  
an early in the death of Harry, July 1, 1947 (see: June 26).

On June 26th, 1947, aged 76,  
of C.C.L., alumnus, and the local Kitefazat has informed me that he died at 26  
(Mr. A.A., in 1924 was presented a memento). In 1941 and 1946 only the name  
Lamentable Assembly, and in 1937 the Christian names are given as Robert Austin.  
1937. In 1926 he married in a Ms. note to the Kitefazat House  
The latter was his son, who is also an alumnus of a man in 1926, 1929 and  
Lamentably, a member of the Royal College of

Engineering, London, Dr. Charles.  
Lamentably, Dr. George, son to Kitefazat House  
The association members in the 1947 directory are as follows:

He has lived at St. C. 1919 he had moved to 15 Kitefazat House, and from 1924 to the end of  
and since in 1929 and 1932 he is mentioned as living at 43 New Street. By  
by 1936, this name first appears in the directory in 1935, and in that year  
Lamentably. Having previously lived in Britain, he had moved to 11 Bond Street  
I have been able to trace the following details about Charles Cunningham

Thank you for your letter of 26th October.

Yours etc,

\*TOP SECRET\*

LONDON, S.W.1.  
17, Grosvenor Road,  
Headmaster's Residential School,  
T. Jardine-Brown, Head.

21st October, 1947.

RECORDED IN THE LIBRARY

I am sending you a copy of my letter of 11th October 1947.

Yours etc,  
T. J. Jardine-Brown, Headmaster.

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Kingsdown House was at Box, Wiltshire, and Langworthy's book, in which you are interested, was published at Bristol in 1798, second edition at Bath in the same year. This library has a copy of the second edition which was printed for the author by Crutwell, the well-known publisher of the 'Bath Chronicle'. There is also a copy in the British Museum.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Reddick F.R.S.

Yours faithfully,

P.W.

John Lethbridge  
F.R.S.  
Fellow of the Royal Society  
and a Member of the  
Royal Geographical Society  
of London.

Director.

120 Newgate Street

London, April 10th 1830.

Langworthy's printed book alluded to in your letter of the 20th instant I send you a copy of the first edition of his 'History of the English Church' published at Bath in 1798. It is a very good book and I hope you will like it. I enclose also a copy of the second edition of 1800. The first edition is very scarce and I have only seen one copy in my travels.

CJ/RM

Enclosed are two copies of the first edition of 'The History of the English Church' by John Langworthy. The first copy is the first edition of 1798, and the second is the second edition of 1800. Both copies are in excellent condition and are suitable for study.

The first edition of 1798 is the most valuable, as it contains many original documents and maps. The second edition of 1800 is also valuable, as it contains more recent information and is easier to read. Both editions are well printed and are suitable for study.

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Yours very truly,

Westminster Medical School,  
17 Horseferry Road,  
London S.W.1.



26th October, 1964.

Dear Sir,

As the result of a letter I wrote to a Bath resident recently, it has been suggested you may be able to help me.

I am engaged in writing an article on Dr. Elisha Perkins of Plainfield, Connecticut, and his "metallic tractors", which were introduced to England at the end of the eighteenth century by his son Benjamin. Briefly, "metallic tractoration" was a spurious means of relieving pain based (somewhat misguided) on Galvani's theories of electricity, and enjoyed a popularity not unlike that of Mesmer's "animal magnetism" - also the same amount of ridicule.

In an article by Walter Steiner (full reference below\*) mention is made of a Mr. Charles Cunningham Langworthy, with an apparent residence or surgery at 11 Bond Street, Bath. Although a surgeon, he seems to have made some money on the side selling "Perkins' Patent Tractors" at five guineas the pair. (They cost only a few pence to make!)

Some time after 1795, and probably before 1805 he wrote "A View of Perkinean Electricity, or an Enquiry Into the Influence of Metallic Tractors."

I understand from Mr. Cooke, who has a business at the present No. 11 Old Bond Street, that you have been doing some researches into Mr. Langworthy. If you could possibly shed

London, 1925.

For information,

some more light onto his activities in Perkinean Electricity etcetera, I should be really most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Jardine-Brown*

Director of the T. Jardine & Co. Ltd.,

and of the T. Jardine-Brown Co. Ltd.,

and to no surprise, I find that he has got into

"Perkin's officion" and is manipulating, I suppose, in a very  
interesting and to me at least, if not to others, rather odd  
"noise-generating" device.

~~Steiner, Walter R. Dr. Elmer Perkins of Plainfield, Conn.,  
and his metallic tractors.~~ Bull. Soc. Med. Hist. Chicago  
1923-25. 3, 79-95.

(Walter Steiner (list) written below is fictitious name)

as well, you will see, as the name of the man  
described. Still, there seems to be some connection between  
this man and the one above, even if the name is  
too ~~similar~~ to "The Librarian" and the "Inventor" "Perkin."

The Reference Library,

18 Queen Square, Bath, Somerset, England

Bath, England, is the best place to get information about  
Somerset.

It is a large county, roughly triangular in shape, and contains

some interesting towns and villages, and is the home of many  
of the most famous names in English history.

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LANGWORTHY, Dr Charles  
Cunningham

Westminster Medical School,

17 Horseferry Road,

London S.W.1.

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Your ref: R185/1/1704

2nd November, 1964.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of 31st October.  
~~I am most grateful for all the trouble you have taken in tracing~~  
the details of Mr. Cunningham. They are most valuable in completing the picture.

With all the other activities - clinical and literary - heaped on my plate at the moment, it will I fear be at least six months before the article finally appears in print. I shall be delighted to send you a copy of the journal when it is published

Yours faithfully,

T. Jardine-Brown.

Peter Pagan Esq., B.A., F.L.A.,  
The Reference Library,  
Queen Square,  
Bath,  
Somerset.

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Cunningham (Dr.)

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2nd March, 1960.

Richard A. Hunter, Esq., MD, MRCP,  
54 Porchester Gate,  
London W.2.

Dear Sir,

Re Charles Cunningham Langworthy

Further to your letter of 25th February regarding the above, we possess a copy of the second edition of "A view" (etc.), while the local directories, although published irregularly during his lifetime, give some details of his residence in Bath.

His name first appears in 1805, and in that year and also in 1809 and 1812 he is mentioned as living at 43 New King Street. By 1819 he had moved to 15 Kensington Place, and from at least 1824 to the end of his life he lived at 24 Circus.

Two consecutive entries in the 1824 directory run as follows:  
Langworthy, Dr. physician to Kingsdown-house Lunatic Asylum [sic]  
24, Circus.

Langworthy, A.A. esq. member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London,  
24, Circus.

The latter was his son, who is also mentioned with him in 1826, 1829 and 1837. In 1826 he described in a MS. note as 'Surgeon to the Kingsdown House Lunatic Asylum', and in 1837 his Christian name are given as Robert Austin, (the 'A.A.' in 1824 was presumably a mistake). In 1841 and 1846 only the name of C.C.L. appears, and the Local Registrar has informed me that he died at 24 Circus on 28 June 1847, aged 76.

An entry in the Bath Chronicle of Thursday, July 1, 1847 runs: 'June 28, at his house, in the Circus, after a protracted illness, Dr. Charles Cunningham Langworthy, highly respected for his estimable qualities, and one of the oldest practitioners of this city'.

An advertisement in the following number of the same paper (Thursday July 8, 1847) says: 'Dr. Austen Langworthy respectfully intimates ... that he has succeeded his father ... in the proprietorship and superintendence of the above old-established Lunatic Asylum' (Kingsdown House). It mentions 'his lengthened experience in the management of the Longwoods Asylum, near Bristol', and states that letters should be 'addressed to 3, Park Street, Bristol, or 7, Pulteney Street, Bath'. \*

I regret that I am unable to trace any other details. As you suggest, the Wiltshire County Archivist, Mr. M.G. Rathbone, A.L.A.,

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Wiltshire County Offices, Trowbridge, may be able to help you.

Yours faithfully,

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*Director.*

CJ

Художникъ изобразилъ въ сюжетѣ  
одинъ изъ видовъ птицъ, зовущихъ  
себя "птицы А".  
Птица эта имеетъ ярко-красную  
голову и зеленую грудь, а остальная  
часть тела белая.  
Птица эта несетъ на груди яйца  
и сидитъ на ветвяхъ дерева.  
На ветвяхъ дерева сидятъ  
две птенцы, одинъ изъ которыхъ  
зеленый, а другойъ красный.  
Птица эта сидитъ на ветвяхъ дерева  
и смотритъ въправо.  
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54, PORCHESTER GATE,

LONDON, W. 2.

25 February 1960

The Reference Librarian  
Bath

Dear Sir,

Re Charles Cunningham Langworthy

I should be most grateful for any information you can give me about the above-mentioned. In 1798 he published A view of the Perkinean Electricity (Bristol; second edition Bath, 1798) in which he describes himself as 'Surgeon, of Bath'. He is next noticed in the Parliamentary Enquiry into Madhouses, 1815, p.21 as 'Dr. Langworthy of Kingsdown House, Box, Wiltshire' and owner of a private lunatic asylum there. In the 1844 Report of the Metropolitan Commissioners in Lunacy he is described as 'Langworthy, C.C. (M.D.)' and of the same address. I presume these last two refer to the same Dr. Langworthy.

I am referring to him in a history of psychiatry and am anxious to include some biographical material. If you think it worthwhile I should be grateful also if you would transmit this request to the Wiltshire County Archivist or I will write ~~in~~ direct if you so advise.

Thank you very much for your trouble,  
Yours truly,

R. A. Hunter

Richard A. Hunter, MD, MRCP.