

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. C.F. Martin:-

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CONSIDERATIONS

1. I believe we all agree that throughout the whole curriculum, particularly in the clinical subjects, the preventive aspect should be a part of all teaching. That is, it is intended to diffuse the preventive teaching throughout all departments, not to withdraw and concentrate it under preventive medicine.
2. A department of preventive medicine would therefore have as its functions -
 - (a) Responsibility for knowing what all departments are teaching. To correlate and prevent duplication and contradiction in teaching.
 - (b) Lectures on (1) subjects such as sanitation, administration, not covered in other departments; (2) summing up of all teaching, pointing out application.
 - (c) Research in preventive medicine - a university function.

DISCUSSION

1. Teaching - To do effective teaching, it is necessary that the lecturer be able to talk in terms of his own experience, otherwise, it is not much more than a digest of a text-book that he gives. Preventive medicine teaching needs to be essentially