

NOTES FROM BOOKSRECTORIAL CONTEST, EDINBURGH, 1908

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Students Representative
Council,
University of Edinburgh.

International Academic Committee.

34 Chalmers Street,
Edinburgh,

12th. June '08.

Professor Dr. Will. Osler.

Dear Sir,

This Committee has for its purpose the giving of help and information (1) to British students going abroad for study (2) to foreign students or graduates coming over here. It has organized a system of Academic Consuls in the Chief Universities of Europe and is extending this to the U.S.A.

In pursuance of these aims we are publishing a "Handbook on Foreign Study". This will comprise full information as to 128 European Universities as per specimen page enclosed, and a series of signed articles by well known authorities on the study of their own subject abroad. Thus among our contributors we are to have the Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, M.P. Professor Silvanus P. Thompson, Principal Fairbairn etc.

My Committee (which acts for all British Universities save Oxford, Cambridge, & Dublin) have instructed me to ask you whether you could be kind enough to contribute a short article on the study of Medicine abroad. The article need be only 2 pages of the size of a 6d. novel, and contain advise to men to go abroad for Medicine, and a general indication of the best lines to work on. As we purpose having a special article for Surgery it would not be necessary to touch on that.

The book is ready for the press except for some of these articles, so that I would ask for the favour of an early reply.

There is another matter I should like to mention in connection with quite a different committee. As one of the Vice Presidents of the Rectorial Representation Committee I must apologise for

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my absence from the deputation, which visited you last night, an absence due to indisposition. But, as a member of the faculties of Arts and Law and speaking for hundreds of my fellows in these faculties I associate myself entirely with my friends who visited you last night, I would venture to hope that you will accept our cordial and hearty invitation to stand, convinced as everyone in the University is that if you do stand your return is an absolute certainty.

I am,

Yours truly,

H. J. Darnton Fraser.

Convener.

International Academic Committee.