

Xmas Eve.(1910.)

Oxford.

Dear Jacobs:-

I wish I could look in at No. 11 this eve. Could you return the call you would find a festive scene, a dance! - R. and his young friends. We have a niece and her children with us & Palmer Wright from Ottawa. R. has grown so much - just my height. He is an awful duffer at his books, but he is a dear good fellow and not the slightest trouble.

I suppose Welch has told you that W.A. Marburg will make an offer for Payne's Library. I went to the new Barnet the other day to look over the collection. I am afraid we cannot get all for the sum M. names, but it will cover, I hope, the medical books without the 15th century herbals, which nowadays bring fancy prices on account of the old wood cuts. They could be sold separately and after all have only a typographical interest. 'Tis a choice assortment - many books of the greatest variety and many not in the College of Phy., or in the S.G. Library. He has also a splendid Milton collection - the best in England after the British Museum. He has been buying with great care for 45 years.

Many thanks for book - I like C. so much - also for the Shelley, when it comes. I may go to Egypt for six weeks. My brother, E.B., starts for Saire with a boat party, to be on the river a month. 'Tis too good an opportunity to miss. He wants Mrs. Osler also but she does not care to go so far from the boy. Miss Woolley may come over while I am away. By the way Payne left me the Restitutio Christianismi ^{nismi} of Servetus, the 1791 reprint, now almost impossible to get. I have the Calvin - a lovely copy. It, too, is scarce - my copy sold in Paris about ten years ago for frs. 1500. I shall be glad of the Harvard Journal. Jim Putnam's article on James in the Atlantic Monthly is most interesting. So glad to hear Mrs. Jacobs keeps well. Happy New Year to you both. Ever yours, Wm. Osler.