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Dear Sir;

This is a fine Cobbea hand writing

I take the liberty of sending you a small but select list of books which have lately come into my possession. You may remember perhaps an old gentleman who lodged in a room above my shop: I think that he once gave you a book from his collection - or was it your friend, Samuel Leake? About a week ago he called me into his room and told me he was dying, which was indeed evident from his appearance, and that he would like to sell me a few of his books "dirt cheap", as he said, that I might sell them with a good profit in remembrance of any kindness he had received from me. The remainder of the library was privately sold on Thursday last to Maggs of London, bringing about £2,000.

The old man himself died yesterday quietly in his chair, holding a bible in one hand and his much loved ~~Aldine~~ Horace in the other, both of which books he has left to me.

The list of books by his instructions, is to be sent only to certain people whom he thinks will appreciate any of them they may buy. Both you, Sam Leake and James ^Horror are among the number.

Hoping you will find something to your taste among these.

I remain yours respectfully,

J. R. Thornley, NORWICH.

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