

MS 417/35.20 Lady Oster's copy.  
~~Manuscripts~~  
Biblioteca Prima anecdotica ①

- " Secunda ②
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NOTES ON THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE .

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Bibliotheca Oeleriana.  
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Bibliotheca Prima.  
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The Beginnings of Medicine and the works of the great Discoverers in Medicine up to the 19th century, arranged under certain early writers and national divisions, and then by centuries in alphabetical order. There is a list of the internal arrangement of this section with the general rules of cataloguing &c.

This section has been REVISED and INDEXED, but the indexing of the Harvey cards requires some attention as the order of the cards under Harvey has been altered. The heading 'Anaesthesia' will require looking over by some person acquainted with the history of the controversy; and the indexing of that heading has still to be done.

Bibliotheca Secunda.  
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*Scott's Anag. Index, Chas. Brown's early reduced Index.*

The works of the other Medical Writers in alphabetical order. The rules for the arrangement under individual authors are in the general rules.

This section has been REVISED UP TO 'RE', and about three-quarters of a drawer remains to be done. The headings which will eventually appear in the Index have been marked in pencil on the cards. *Porta good example.*

Bibliotheca Literaria.

For the Autocrat of Letters of Jan 21st 1859 in Oct. 15 1874  
The Rev. John Wilson Dr. M. C. Linn.

Literary works by medical writers, and medicine and doctors  
in fiction.

The 10 volumes of *Bibliotheca Anat. med.* (The *Excer. Nov. 1820*  
(The new 120th = for *Bibliotheca Anat. med.* same by Jacobs.)

This section has been revised, and the headings which will  
eventually appear in the index have been marked in pencil on the  
cards .

Up to a certain point in Literaria all the works of a man who <sup>medical</sup>  
has written on literary subjects have been included (instead of the  
works dealing with medical subjects being placed in Prima or  
Secunda). It will therefore be necessary for this section to be  
looked over again, and for the cards of the strictly medical books  
to be transferred to their respective places in Prima or Secunda.

Bibliotheca Biographica.

*Example*  
The Modern *Physiogn.* Dr. J. S. Davis July 26 1919

Medical Biography, arranged alphabetically under the subjects  
of the biographies.

This section has not been revised.

Biographies of an author are as a rule placed at the end of an  
author's works in the section in which he stands. Thus the section  
Biographica will tend to grow smaller. It could remain as a small  
section, or be merged in Secunda. This point has never been defin-  
itely settled.

*The former to H. Linn  
Bibliotheca*

Bibliotheca Bibliographica.

*Sales catalogue Books, references,  
Pub. Soc. Publications, Bibliographies,  
of Synthesis.  
Surgeon General's Library catalogue.*

Medical and General Bibliography.

This section has not been revised.

It will be necessary to decide if Library catalogues in this section are to be entered under their authors or under the names Libraries or Institutions to which they refer -- and in the latter case, whether the library is to be arranged under its own title (e.g. Surgeon-General's Library) or topographically (e.g. Washington-Surgeon-General's Library).

It is presumed that the bibliographical books will accompany the medical books, whether they bear on medical bibliography or not.

*It is up.  
History Royal Soc. of  
Gen. Hospital '99. 3 vols = 4 vols.*

Bibliotheca Historica.

The history of medicine and medical institutions. Mainly modern literature, which should not take so long to revise, when the question of its arrangement has been decided upon.

It has to be decided whether the arrangement of this section is to be (1) topographical + with sub-headings of the different institutions &c., or (2) by large general subjects-headings as 'Asylums', 'Clubs', 'Hospitals', 'Dispensaries', 'Societies' &c.

INCUNABULA ( Books printed before 1500). *About 750 works in the Libr.*  
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Not revised.

A small proportion of the Incunabula cards have been dealt with and fully catalogued in a manner approved by Sir William. The remainder need careful re-cataloguing, and headings for the index will require writing.

It will be necessary to decide if 15th century editions of authors whose works printed after 1500 are in Prima or Secunda or Literaria are to be transferred to those sections, or if all incunabula, without exception, are to be kept together.

*Phages .1487 from the Venice Library  
 what over - further work.*

- ① Falcutius & Helichus Lilla.
2. a copy of Phages the single known copy.

MANUSCRIPTS.  
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*About 740 manuscripts.*

Not revised.

The cards in the catalogue of MSS. require revision according to the Bodleian or some other approved scheme. The cards will then need indexing in the ordinary way.

*Eq. over the Sacred things.*

INDEX.

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Sir William's idea was to include in the Index to the Catalogue

(A) All main headings,

(B) All the headings (including certain approved subject-headings) which in most catalogues would be dealt with by means of cross-references (e.g. editors, illustrators & the like).

As revision has proceeded the headings which are to go in the index have been written in pencil on the catalogue cards to which they refer. When the catalogue is printed each individual work will have a separate running number. This number will be marked on the card of the particular work in place of the shelfmark (which will not be printed). The shelfmark of the index-slip under the main heading (i.e. the little slip now in the book) will be erased, and the running number will be substituted for it. The index-headings written in pencil on the cards will then be transferred to index-slips bearing the final catalogue-number of the book, and these slips, together with those of the main headings, will then be alphabetically arranged for printing.

QUERIES.

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Are there any special arrangements for the disposal of Books on the HEART. There are separate cards for these, and they have not been included in the Catalogue for some time.

The set of Sir William's own works will require completing and cataloguing, including numerous reprints.

Oriental headings and books will require special treatment.

Are there any proposals to add to the collection? A section of Indian Medicine, and one of Chinese Medicine, was once thought of. The collection of such books would, however, take some considerable time, and special knowledge would be required in the cataloguing of them.