

(To Leonard L. Mackall at Jena)

Hotel Royal  
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Dear Mackall

I have put your note in the hands of a man who says he can (possibly) be of help. - A Mr. Barnister who knows Italy thoroughly. He leaves for England for 3 weeks but returns April 1st. There should be no difficulty in tracing the descendants of so notable a man as Medwin. There are probably genealogical journals in which a note could be inserted. Schiff the Librarian at Florence may be able to help. We leave for Florence tomorrow (via Perugia & Assisi Hotel du Nord) for two weeks. Rome has been delightful. I have enjoyed everything. Several of the Book-shops are A.1. I got a splendid Aristotle 1476 - de animalium partibus, and several good sets relating to Medical history - de Renzi's School of Salerno &c. I got a fine Gessner - Dictionary Greek & Latin. Wonderful man! well called the German Pliny - Bibliography, Philology, Medicine, Chemistry, Natural History - & above all a most lovable soul. When in Oxford in Aug. remind me to show you a touching tribute which I found to his character.\* He died at 45. I have a very good collection of his works. I look forward to seeing you in Oxford I shall be back from America July 1st. Oxford always finds me - letters are forwarded twice weekly

Yours sincerely yours

[Venice]

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\*Cf. Osler: "Evolution of Modern Medicine." p. 131 (from H. Morley's Cardan, II, 152-3): L.L.M.

- 1) Thomas Medwin, the [friend of Byron & Shelley.]
- 2) Aristotle, "de animalium partibus" meaning the "Libri de animalibus" Venice 1476.
- 3) Salvatore De Renzi's Storia Documentata della Scuola Medica di Salerno, or his Collectio Salernitana. cf. WO's Evolution of Med. Medicine p. 88-90.
- 4) Bibliography is beyond doubt what WO wrote in abridged form.

*L. L. M.*