

*(The Payne collection bought at
the sale by the Wellcome Medical
Historical Library)

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Dear Jacobs;

Thanks for your suggestion about Mr. Phipps. I am very loath to give up the chance of getting so unique a collection* for the Medical School. It is extraordinarily rich in English works which are very difficult to get, and some of the items have not been in sale catalogues for 10 years. I have written to-day to the Executors to find out the reserve price, and I shall certainly make application to Mr. Phipps to help in the matter. There is no reason why certain of the books should not go into the Phipps Dispensary if he wished.

I have just sent word to his daughter to find out when he arrives.

I missed the Locke letter at the Huthe sale, the only one in which I was specially interested.

Many thanks for the Almanack and the Laennec. The Almanack is most interesting. I have a copy of the Laennec, but the one you sent will do for some Library.

I wish you could have been here on Saturday night; I had the Colophon Club (which is a sort of inner circle of the Biographical Society) at dinner at Christ Church. We had a very interesting group of men, nearly all the important British Museum and other Library men in London.

Is there is any special friend of Marburg's to whom we could apply in case Phipps fails us? I judge from what Hodge says that the reserve price would be about £3000. Of course these old books are uncertain, and the entire library might realize much more; but on the other hand old medical books have a bad name.

I will look out for you early in June. Love to Mrs. Jacobs.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. Osler.